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The Book Of Caroline

Chapter 266 – Kakeru's Miracle

"God, huh....."

The girl looked at me with imploring eyes.

Why could she understand my voice, yet she can't understand the voice of Hikari and the man from earlier?

That was the first thing that bothered me.

"Before that, answer me. Can you hear Hikari——this girl's voice?"

"It's not like I can't hear her, I just can't understand what she's saying"

"Can't understand?"

"I can hear her voice, but, uhm, it sounds to me like the wind or something....."

".....is it the same with other people?"

"Un. Up until now, I could only hear God's voice. That's why....."

The girl stared at me, becoming more and more desperate.

"Are you God?"

"I am——"

"Caroline-sama——"

When I was about to answer, I heard a voice——probably a woman's voice——from a distance.

The girl called Caroline didn't answer nor react. She probably couldn't hear her.

I thought for a second and hid myself and Hikari using my camouflage aura.

I thought of hiding the fact that she can understand me, at least until I understand why it's happening.

"Oh God?! Where did you go....."

The girl looked around searching for me in panic.

Her eyes looked like they were about to cry, she seemed as if she was a child abandoned by her parent.

"Caroline-sama. You were here"

A middle-aged woman entered the church.

The woman who was wearing plain old clothes with faded colors talked to the girl——Caroline.

"Caroline-sama, we have prepared your meal"

"Where are you? God, where.....?"

"What a shame.....it seems that God has not called out to you again"

The woman looked at Caroline with sad eyes.

She did not look at her with pity——instead, she seemed empathetic and sad about it as if it was about herself.

And even that woman, Caroline did not react with her voice.

"Caroline-sama"

"Oh God, please.....please show yourself to me once more"

"Caroline-sama"

The woman called her loudly, but Caroline didn't react after all.

When her hand was grabbed, Caroline finally looked at the woman's direction. The woman held Caroline's hand and traced with her finger.

I guessed that she was writing letters because I remembered Caroline saying "writing" earlier when she was dealing with Hikari.

"Food....."

"That's right, food is ready, Caroline0sama. You need to eat a lot and become healthy, otherwise, you cannot hear God's voice"

"Food....."

Caroline whispered.

How should I describe this?

"What an inconvenient constitution. With that, the voice you heard before was God's voice huh"

"Yes! The words that God tells me, I remember all of it"

"Eh?"

"Caroline-sama?"

I raised a surprised voice along with the woman. The woman was surprised that Caroline suddenly spoke out with a reply-like tone.

But I was surprised that she could hear my voice, even though I was hidden by my camouflage aura.

This has never happened before.

This camouflage aura uses Eleanor's powers, and only those who have equal or greater power than Eleanor could hear my voice and see my appearance.

But Caroline was able to hear me.

She is still looking around, and she would even look above.

It's clear that she can't see my appearance just beside her.

"Can you hear my voice?"

"Oh God!"

She showed delight and her eyes sparkled. It looks like she can hear me.

"She can hear Otou-san's voice? That's amazing~"

"What about Hikari? Can you hear my daughter's voice?"

"Daughter? No, I can only hear God's voice"

She can't hear Hikari's voice huh.

This is becoming more and more strange.

Although we're both enveloped by the camouflage aura, she can only hear my voice.

"Uhm.....Caroline-sama. Can you really hear God's voice once again?"

The woman who came for Caroline asked nervously. But Caroline can't even hear the voice of the woman standing just by her side.

It seems that, she could only hear me. She could only hear my voice.

I don't know the reason behind it, but I can use this.

If she can only hear my voice, if she can only hear my voice just like when she could hear God's voice.

I thought that I could take advantage of this situation.

Now then, what should I do?

[Leave it to me]

Can you do something about the situation?

[Umu. I shall show you something like God's Miracle]

Can you do that?

[I can, if we utilize what you're doing with Althea]

It looks like she has an idea.

[Make that lass plant some kind of seed. I'll make it grow]

I see. That's sounds like a miracle.

"Caroline"

"Oh God?!"

"Do as what I am going to say"

"Yes!"

Caroline nodded with a face full of smile. She left behind the woman half in doubt and acted as I said.

She left the church for once.

She searched for fruits nearby and then planted it on the roadside.

It's not a field. It's beside the road that looks like it has very little nutrition.

She planted it there.

"Yosh, you did good"

[Let her offer her prayer. That makes it seem authentic]

"Now then. Caroline, pray"

"Yes, Oh God!"

Caroline placed her hands together and offered her prayers towards the fruit she just planted.

Caroline who suddenly prayed in front of the church gathered attention from the passers-by.

"Is she doing something again?"

"That quack. Probably wants to gather attention again"

Most of them were looking at her coldly. Gazes of disdain were being directed to Caroline.

[I made the connection. The only thing left is for you to send your powers]

I got it.

I reached out my hand and directed my consciousness towards the fruit.

Just like how I rejuvenated Althea—I sent my vigor at once.

While the townspeople were watching with scorn, a sprout emerged from the ground.

It was a small bud, but it was a sprout that symbolizes the breath of a new life.

"Hey, look at that—I—"

While most of the crowd were jeering, one man noticed the sprout—I—soon after.

"It" grew explosively.

From a small bud to a tree, from a tree to a huge tree.

It was as if it grew for years, no, tens of years. It's as if it's a time-lapse video

compressing tens of years within a minute.

"Kya!"

Caroline fell to her butt. She was pushed away by the huge tree that grew while she was praying.

And the crowd.

"" ""
.....

Most of them opened their mouths dumbly. Their jaws dropped.

A planted tree turned into a huge tree in an instant. The crowd who witnessed that lost their words.

"I-It's God. It's God's miracle!"

After one of them regained himself and started to kneel and offer his prayers to the tree, the other people who came to watch also fell to their knees and started praying.

They offered their prayers for the miracle—it was directed to Caroline as well.

"Oh God.....God has not forsaken me yet"

Caroline herself did not hear the voices of the crowd. She only seemed to be moved by God's miracle.

[Good for you, "Oh God"]

Eleanor said mischievously.

With this, we have taken the first step to make Caroline the pope. The opening for her had just begun.

Chapter 267 – Backward Compatibility

In a world where magic exists, miracles seem to be within arm's reach.

Because magic exists, “ordinary” supernatural phenomenon can be explained just by merely saying it's done with magic.

Most of the people in this world can tell that. Even commoners can use magic, so whether it is magic or not is easy for the crowd to understand.

That's why things that not done through magic,

Things that not done through using magic powers, they are seen as miracles.

Melissa's deeds are an example——and so as what Caroline did right now.

People who are weaker than Eleanor cannot sense her powers, so what they could see is only the results.

As such, they would recognize it as God's miracle.



In the town of Aion, in Caroline's room.

A small space deep within the church is her room.

There are barely any furnishings, most of it was a table, a chair, a bed, and the pillows and beddings on top of it.

Although it's not in tatters, it's old.

All of the items clearly looked like they're worn out.

After being led to that room, I removed my camouflage aura and showed my appearance along with Hikari.

"Oh God!"

"Enough of the God stuff. I'm Yuuki Kakeru"

"Yuuki.....Kakeru?"

"Yeah, you can call me whichever one you want"

".....I can't call you, God?"

Caroline stared at me with an upward gaze.

Her eyes were that of pleading.

[She completely recognized you as her God. What are you going to do?]

I flicked Eleanor's blade with my finger seeing her grinning in my head.

"Alright, that's fine too"

"Thank you God!"

"Good for you, Oneechan~"

Hikari told her with a smile, but Caroline only tilted her head.

"You can't really understand Hikari's words huh"

"I'm sorry"

"No, it's not your fault.....hmm"

I thought for a second. I wondered if she really understands only my words.

I wanted to check that, so I took out my Warp Feather from my Different Dimension Warehouse.

"Grab onto me, Caroline. Hikari, you too"

"Eh? Ah, yes"

"Un!"

I warped with the two who had different reactions.

The place I warped to was a lavish and wide room, completely different to Caroline's room.

It's a room inside Mercouri's palace. In there was Helene who is wearing her princess dress.

Caroline's eyes popped out in amazement because of the warp that shouldn't exist in this world.

"Kakeru-sama? What's the matter?"

On the other hand, Helene noticed us and didn't move an eyebrow even after

we suddenly appeared because she already knows this ability of mine.

As usual, she is enveloped by her royal aura.

There are also maids helping Helene change her attire.

I thought that maybe she's about to go to a meeting.

"I want you to help me with something for a bit. I won't trouble you"

"Please do as you wish"

Helene nodded without showing any hesitations.

The surrounding maids read the atmosphere and took a step back.

"Caroline. Can you understand what she's saying?"

"Uhm....."

"It is an honor to meet you. You are the "Child of God" Caroline-sama, right? I am Helene Teresia Mercouri"

As expected of Helene. It looks like she already knew about Caroline.

"Uhm.....sorry, God....."

"It's fine. Sorry to trouble you, Helene"

"It is nothing.....as expected of Kakeru-sama"

I said goodbye to Helene who seemed to have noticed something, and this time, I warped to Rica's place.

In Calamba's palace, Rica's harem, the Rose Garden.

Rica was there combing the hair of a lovely girl.

The girl's beautiful and glossy long golden hair was being combed, making even more beautiful.

"Kakeru!"

Rica noticed me and stopped her hand. She stood up and ran to me.

"Did something happen? You didn't tell me you're coming today"

"My bad, I just wanted you to help me with something"

"Is it about this girl?"

Rica looked at Caroline.

"She's called Caroline. Do you know her?"

""That" Caroline?"

"Uhm....."

"It's Rica Calamba. Nice to meet you"

Rica reached out her hand for a handshake. Caroline shook her hand, but.

"I'm sorry, God....."

"I see. Don't mind it"

"Oh! Kakeru can talk to her?"

"Is it really that famous of a story?"

"Well, quite so"

"I see"

Recalling Helene call her "Child of God", I somehow understood that Caroline's quite famous.

"My bad, I'll come again"

"Yes, I'll be waiting for you"

Rica sent us off with a smile, while the girl with a golden hair showed a somewhat disappointing look.

I said goodbye to them and warped to the next place.

Aura, Fiona, and Selene who wields Demon Sword Xiphos.

I warped to many places, letting her meet all kinds of people, but Caroline didn't understand any of their words.

She could only hear me, she could only understand my words.

After going around, we returned to Caroline's room.

"I'm sorry, Oh God....."

Caroline knew my intention, and she also knew what I was doing, but she only looks like she could not answer to my expectations.

She drooped her shoulders so pitifully, making her smaller than her already petite stature.

"Don't mind it. It's not your fault"

"Un....."

I thought once again while comforting Caroline.

It is almost confirmed that she can't understand other people's words except for me. Well, that is fine too.

Her alias "Child of God" that I heard many times.

She can hear God's voice, she can only understand God's voice, so Child of God.

I thought that having that Caroline only understand my words makes things easier instead.

To make her the Pope, to make her Melissa's substitute, there are many things I would need to do.

I guess I should put them together first. Also, I want someone else's advice.

Probably from Althea, Delfina, and Helene.

I thought of asking them for advice.

"Uhm.....God"

"Un?"

"I, I'm happy just being able to talk with God"

"....."

Naturally, I didn't take Caroline's words as it was.

When she said that, she looked awfully sad.

Described briefly, she's pushing herself.

I could easily understand that she's telling me "I'm okay" while pushing

herself.

"After all, this is a power granted to me by God?"

"Granted to you?"

"Un. The God before told me, this power will someday save this world, that it's a power that makes people happy"

She was told that, huh.

And.....power.

"....."

"What's the matter, God?"

"You don't want to talk with other people?"

"I-I'm fine even if I don't——"

"I'm not asking whether you're alright with it. You want or you don't want? Which is it?"

".....eh?"

Caroline was caught off guard. She immediately replied.

"I want, but....."

She said softly.

[She's not used to talking so she probably didn't even thought of hiding it]

I also think so.

I mean, Caroline's emotions are basically showing all the time.

If I throw her a ball, she would simply throw it back.

Because she's not used to talking, her reactions and replies are usually straightforward.

And she told me she wants to.

"If so, then I'll let you"

"Eh? T-Through writing?"

"No"

I shook my head. I reached out my hand and opened my Different Dimension Warehouse.

From there, I took out a prize I won from the lottery.

The skill "Backward Compatibility".

I used that on Caroline.

The light enveloped Caroline and melted into her body.

"W-What happened, God"

"Focus. Focus while thinking you wish to understand"

"Eh?"

"Hikari"

"Un!"

Hikari who was behaved as she followed us all the time and watched the events happening nodded.

"I'm Yuuki Hikari"

".....?"

"Focus, tell yourself you want to understand what she said"

I told her once again. After seeing Caroline furrow her eyebrows, I tapped Hikari's back.

"I'm Yuuki Hikari"

"Ah.....!"

Caroline's eyes widened.

"I-I understand!"

"Really?! You can understand Hikari?"

"Un! Oh God, I understand!"

It looks like it was super effective.

Chapter 268 – God’s Task

"Good for you, Caroline"

"Eh?"

Caroline’s eyes widened for some reason, making a surprised face.

Was there anything to be surprised about?

"What’s the matter, Caroline?"

"Thank goodness....."

"Really, what’s gotten to you? Why are you making such a relieved expression"

"Just for an instant, I couldn’t understand God’s words, so.....thank goodness.....I can still understand"

[I see. She was surprised because she couldn’t understand your words, but got relieved because she could understand you a moment later]

"That seems to be the case. But why couldn’t she understand me? Hikari"

"Un. Oneechan, can you understand Hikari?"

".....?"

"Huh? You can’t?"

Hikari tilted her head while she said that., but even so, Caroline also tilted her head with a questioning expression.

"You can’t understand what Hikari was saying?"

"Un"

"Did the lottery prize’s effect disappear? No, it shouldn’t be a consumable, but....."

"Want to ask the lottery person?"

Hikari suggested. I thought that it was a good idea.

"What do you mean by lottery person?"

Caroline seemed like she understood Hikari's words right now.

"You can understand?"

"Yes God. I can if I want to"

"If you want to.....huh. Wait a second"

"Un"

I left Caroline in her room, bringing people from my mansion to her room using my Warp Feather.

I brought Miu, Colaria, and Nana.

I made them talk with Caroline.

And what I found out was.

"Caroline can only understand the people you want to understand huh"

"That might be it....."

"It might be something like matching the frequency"

"Free, qen, see?"

Caroline tilted her head. Hikari also tilted her head.

It might be an example unfamiliar to this world.

But I understood it quite well.

From the beginning, Caroline can only hear high frequency, but after gaining the skill "Backward Compatibility", she is now about to hear different voice frequencies.

Although she can match many frequencies, she still can't hear——can't understand the frequencies that she currently does not match.

Well, there's not much problem about that.

Even ordinary people have difficulties in hearing another in crowdly places. Caroline's current state is similar to that, so there's barely any problem.

On the other hand, the problem is what to do from now on.

Caroline is now able to talk with ordinary people, so how should I make her the pope?

I thought about that for a second.

"Oneechan, do you like flowers?"

"....."

"Huh? Oneechan?"

While I was thinking, Hikari called out to Caroline, but she didn't react.

Caroline, she should be able to hear her voice, but she only can't understand what she's saying.

Since it's like that, she should be able to hear Hikari talking to her. She should be able to talk to her if she focus——that should be the case.

But Caroline, she was only staring at me, not replying to Hikari.

"Caroline"

"Yes!"

"Why won't you reply to Hikari?"

"Uhm.....I didn't want to miss God's words.....just like earlier.....so....."

Caroline said timidly.

[How innocent, just like a loyal dog]

"That's fine, but.....there's no meaning then"

She's completely focused trying to not miss any of my words, but there's no meaning to it if she doesn't match her frequency with the other people that are talking to her.

I've already given her the skill, so it's useless if she doesn't use it.

.....for good or for bad, Caroline seems to be an innocent girl.

"Caroline"

"Un!"

"I'll be leaving for now. I'll come again tomorrow. Until then, go and talk to as

many people as you can"

"Talk to, many people?"

"That's right.let me see. Go and ask them their names. You should tell me their names when I come tomorrow"

"Understood!"

Caroline nodded happily.

[Kukuku, you seem to be an instructor giving her homework rather than a god]

Eleanor said playfully.

I was also somewhat feeling that way.



During lunchtime the next day, I warped to Caroline's room.

There is a simple bed in her room, but even so, Caroline was sleeping on her desk.

I went to her side to have a look at her——

[She's holding something.....a notebook?]

"It's full of words. Adonis, Eleni, Kylute, Eleanora.....this is....."

[They are people's names. Probably the names of the people she talked to]

That seems to be the case.

But this.....it's unbelievable how many there are.

I carefully took the notebook from Caroline to not let her wake up.

With a glance, I could tell that the number of names isn't less than a hundred.

Rather, there are several hundreds of them.....maybe even a thousand.

"She talked to so many people?"

[She probably faithfully kept your order. How lovable is that]

"I guess so"

I carried Caroline.

I released a faint aura not to wake her up and put her down on her bed.

After placing a blanket on her, I pulled a chair to the side of her bed.

I sat and waited.

I did that so I can give her words of praise as soon as she wakes up.

I silently waited for her to wake up naturally.

Chapter 269 – Lip Reading

In the annex of my mansion, in the training grounds of my slave soldiers.

There was a chair on the platform as usual, and I'm watching Hikari, Olivia, and the drake soldiers from there.

Althea is on my lap leaning to me.

She only sat on my lap, not doing anything.

Recently, Althea seems to like this.

Speaking of the impression it gives out, it really feels like "the king and his favorite concubine", but Althea seems to have liked it very much.

The image of a "favorite concubine" seems to make her strongly conscious about being "just a simple woman".

I gently stroked that Althea's face and talked with Eleanor.

(Things seems to be going well)

[You camouflaged only your voice using my powers huh, that is quite clever]

(I just thought that I would need it someday since with my relationship with Caroline. There should be some instances for the "voice of god" that only Caroline can hear although I am present, right?)

[Well, there is no such thing as being too prepared]

(Hikari, she's gotten stronger again)

[You can tell huh]

Eleanor said proudly.

She was a doting parent from the beginning, but recently, she would be like this when we're talking about Hikari's growth.

(Yeah. They're not merely playing tag, right?)

That's right. It was not as simple as playing tag.

Although, Hikari looks like she's just playing tag with the others.

She summoned the 100 drake soldiers as well as Olivia and let them chase each other. But she would change the appearance of those who are “tagged”, restrict the movements of the drakes who were “caught”, and make the drake that took a certain action “invisible”.

She’s fully using her powers as a Demon Sword.

[I thought this game of tag to Hikari. It’s a training to release strong powers while doing small tricks simultaneously]

(I guessed so. Although Hikari looks like she’s enjoying it, it’s definitely not as simple as it looks)

[No problem. Kids would play to their extent then collapse to exhaustion. That is fine as it is]

(I agree)

Hikari looks like she’s really enjoying their game, and since she would grow as a Demon Sword as well, I have nothing else to say.

And while watching over that Hikari and caressing Althea, I changed the topic.

(I guess it’s about time to advance to the next stage)

[Umu?]

(I found a palanquin I can carry, the only thing left to decide is how to carry her)

[Making Caroline the pope huh]

(Do you know how to do that?)

[I’ve seen those things of the Solon Church from the side many times, so at the very least, I know its system]

(Tell me)

[First thing, the previous pope will die. And within a month after that, the candidates will probably announce their candidacy. Although one seems to need a certain status or position to be able to do that]

(I’m hearing too much of “probably” or “seems” though?)

[I've only seen it from the side after all. After the candidates have gathered, they will enter the "month of prayer"]

(Month of prayer?)

[Umu. The believers from all over the world would pray about which one they would want to become the pope. Those prayers will be aggregated, and the one with the most prayers in the end will become the new pope]

(.....in short, it's election through prayers huh)

I received a silent agreement from Eleanor.

(It's unexpectedly democratic)

[I wonder about that. Although there would be on-going status reports about the prayers every day, the last three days won't be announced]

(Is God going to interfere or something?)

[That doesn't sound funny]

But even though she was saying that, Eleanor seems to be very interested.

I organized what I heard from Eleanor.

A system that makes the believers offer their prayers to cast their votes for the candidates, huh.

(.....)

[What's the matter?]

(I understand the system. I just thought whether I would go at it head-on or exploit the system)

[I see]

Going at it head-on is of course, winning the hearts and minds of the people.

I only need to follow Caroline around and give her lots of "oracles" making her popularity rise.

Exploiting the system is just basically cheating.

I wondered which one should I choose.

(I want to know more about the system)

[I guess so. Knowing more about it might change what you need to do]

(Do you know more about it?)

[I don't know that much, since I was just watching them from the side]

(Well, I guessed so)

Now then, what should I do?

Should I ask Melissa? No, there's a high possibility that Melissa doesn't know.

She is a type of person who's sticking in her field works. The possibility that she doesn't know about that system is very high.

Most of all, it isn't good to talk about cheating the system with a faithful believer.

Since that's the case.....

(It's Delfina then)

[A wise decision. Though, I believe that there is a wiser one]

I knew instantly who Eleanor was talking about.

It's Althea who's enjoying her stay on top of my lap.

The Great Sage Althea, as the woman who knows all kinds of knowledge, she probably knows something about it.

But.

[I know]

(Don't suggest it then)

[You're spoiling that woman, so it just made me want to say it]

(Jealous?)

[No way]

Eleanor said more playfully than usual.

[I just thought that your spoiling towards that woman might be toxic to her. She's such a good woman after all?]

(If you're talking about that, then there's no problem. "Just Althea" is enough for her to be described as a good woman)

[Fine then]

Eleanor stopped saying anything.

Now then, I should go to Delfina's place and ask—

"Diatheke"

"n?"

Althea suddenly said.

When I looked at her, she was still leaning on me, but her gaze was pointing to somewhere else.

Was it just my imagination? She seemed to be somewhat sulking, yet happy at the same time.

She made that kind of contradicting expression.

"It's nothing. I was just talking to myself"

"Is that so?"

"That's right, just a soliloquy. I need to whisper to myself sometimes, or else, I might forget about many things"

".....I see"

I said and kissed Althea's lips.

After giving her a short kiss, Althea showed a happy yet sulking expression.

(Did she hear us?)

[Rather than that, she probably only understood you. Even if she doesn't hear your voice, she can read your lips]

(Lip reading huh)

".....hmph"

Althea scoffed and completely leaned her whole body to mine.

It looks like I wasn't wrong about her listening to me through reading my lips.

Since that's the case, Althea's "soliloquy" isn't about her talking to herself, but some kind of a hint or advice.

I continued to caress Althea's cheek.

I did it just how I did before.

I stroked her cheek while adoring her just as Althea, just as a simple woman.

Not as an expression of gratitude for the great sage's advice——

[Kukuku, she could completely tell that "thoughtfulness" of yours]

I flicked Eleanor who spoke playfully with my finger.

You're the one who should be more thoughtful.

While caressing Althea cherishingly, I memorized in my head the hint that she gave.

Chapter 270 – Miracle and Cotton Candy

At night, on top of my bed in my room.

Althea is lying beside me.

Unlike usually, both Althea and I are wearing clothes.

But although we're wearing clothes, Althea's eyes as she looked up to me was sparkling, looking no less seductive than she usually is.

"Ka——"

——keru. That was probably what Althea was about to say. But the instant she spoke, I cut her off with a kiss.

I cut off Althea's words with a kiss because she seemed like she's about to tell me something.

We've been doing that for a while.....ever since Althea spoke out the word "Diatheke".

She tries to say my name but I would stop her with a kiss.

She would try to chat about something but I would stop her with a kiss.

I would kiss her for no reason. I would kiss Althea as soon as she says something.

I just continued to kiss her, not letting her speak out a word.

[You're spoiling, no, you're indulging her]

Eleanor said that while rolling her eyes, but I didn't refute nor agreed with her.

After all, if I say anything, Althea would read my lips as she is staring at me.

That's why I only continued to kiss her without saying anything.

"The advice from the great sage is enough", I did not tell her that through words, but by kissing her throughout the night.

[That's a lie]

n?

[You're just spoiling her because you thought she's lovely and sweet]

There's that too—about 80% of the reason is that.

That's true, but you didn't need to say that right now. I reached out my hand to flick Eleanor who wouldn't read the air.



The next day, in the town of Aion.

I warped within the town, then walked to the church.

[You're getting better at using it]

"You're talking about the aura?"

I'm holding a woman's underwear.

It's a silk underwear made in the town of sericulture Aion.

I'm holding that with my hand and was even spinning it around, but no one ever noticed.

It's because I've camouflaged it with my aura.

By the way, what I'm doing right now is not hiding it with my camouflage aura.

I'm camouflaging it to make it look like a simple cloak from the side.

From the side, people would only see me spinning a cloak tied in a loop using my finger.

They aren't looking at me strangely, and since they can see the cloak, they would just avoid it.

"I had an idea from Althea's lip reading. I thought that if I can change how my lips move, I might be able to trick those who can read lips"

[That is quite skilful]

"I don't know if it would be useful though"

[If you don't find anything to use it for, then I suggest you should use it to

change the appearance of your women's clothes. Just like what Hikari was doing]

"Now that you mentioned it, it's really the same with what Hikari was doing huh. Well, it's the same powers used by a Demon Sword. Of course it's the same]

[I'll tell you this, Hikari is better than you right now. After all, she can freely change the appearance of one hundred drake soldiers as she wishes]

"As expected from Hikari"

Eleanor might have thought she was taunting me, but unlike her who has a rivalry against Hikari as a Demon Sword, I would only be happy with Hikari's growth.

Even if she tells me she's better than me, that would only make me happy.

Just like that, I walked in the town with Eleanor, and finally arrived at the church.

I entered and found Caroline inside. While the other believers were offering their prayers to the God Solon, Caroline was chatting with a different woman.

It was a sharp and cold beauty. Her beautiful hair was tied with two knots and you could see a strong will from her eyes.

Rica Calamba.

Ainon is a town near the border of the Calamba Kingdom. But the Queen of that kingdom was there, looking very incognito without bringing any of her servants along with her.

She seems to be talking about something with Caroline, so I sat on a chair on the opposite side of the church, and heightened my hearing without calling to them.

"Then that means, it is only recently that you are able to hear god's words again"

"Un. Thanks to God, I can now understand everyone's voices"

"Is that so. By the way, what did god tell you? Is there something, like an

“oracle”?”

"Hmm～.....I don't know. He only told me to speak more with people"

"Right..... Hey, when did you start hearing god's voice? How frequently do you hear it? Is there a certain timing when you with hear it?"

Rica asked her quickly.

She seems to be very interested in god's voice that Caroline started to hear again, so she's questioning her.

It's only recently that Caroline got the skill “Backwards Compatibility”, so it's only recently that she's able to talk to ordinary people, so Caroline looked like she's confused, unable to give a satisfying reply.

Rica asked her a round of questions, and after understanding that she can't get the answer she wanted, she stopped.

She left the church after giving a donation.



"Rica"

I chased after Rica and called out to her.

"Kakeru"

Rica stopped and turned to me.

She didn't look surprised at all. She looked at me with a smile.

"You were here huh"

"Yeah. Did you need something from her?"

"I just wanted to ask something. She doesn't seem to remember me, so it was easy to talk to her"

"She didn't remember you?"

I tilted my head, then glanced at the church.

Caroline should've met her since I've brought her to Rica.....

Rica answered, seeming like she understood my doubt.

"We couldn't talk when we met before, so she probably couldn't remember me"

"I see....."

I was convinced and walked beside Rica.

The town of sericulture Aion.

I walked beside Calamba's Queen within the territory of the Calamba Kingdom. However, no one noticed Rica, so the town looked as lively as it usually is.

"You look pretty in those clothes"

"Thanks. I'm incognito, so it would be better if I wore more ordinary clothes, but....."

"But?"

I asked Rica who stopped halfway.

She looked at me with a faint blush, but she didn't answer.

We stopped in front of a certain store.

There are several showcases in front of the store and you can find silkworms in it.

It looks like they're letting customers feed the silkworms. A traveler-looking parent and child were feeding the silkworms with the leaves prepared by the store.

The silkworm would eat those leaves and immediately spit out thread.

"The thread is made like this huh"

"You didn't know?"

"Yeah. It's different from the silkworms I know"

"Is that so"

I took one leaf and spun that leaf on top of my finger. I would also envelop it with my aura hiding it from everyone else.

While doing that, I talked to Rica.

"Why did you come to meet Caroline?"

"I've known the Child of God Caroline for a while now. I just heard rumors that that Child of God can now understand people"

"You knew that I was involved right?"

"Yes. That's why I thought of ignoring it. But from what I've heard, I thought she might hear the real god's voice"

"Muu....."

That might be true.

The skill "Backwards Compatibility" is something like matching the frequency.

If one can understand it like that, then it's not strange to come up with something like what Rica thought.

"That's why I came to ask her about it. For the sake of this town, I thought that it would be better if she would make many more miracles"

"As expected of a Queen"

"And if this goes on, she would soon be among the upper echelons of the Solon Church. She is from this town, so it is not bad to get along with her right now. The stability of the religion in the territory is very important"

"As expected from you"

I said the same thing once again.

"Rather than that, is Kakeru trying to do something using her?"

Rica's eyes released a strange light.

I know that gaze of hers.

The master of the Rose Garden, the Queen's harem.

She made a harem and gave that harem to me.

She would make that gaze a lot when we're talking about that.

I'm completely sure that she would tell me she'll cooperate if I tell her I've taken a liking on Caroline.

"No, it isn't like that this time. The reason I got close to her is——"

But when I was thinking of asking about "Diatheke".

My eyes were caught by something else. My consciousness, my interest was completely taken by that.

The leaf that I was fiddling and spinning around was eaten by a silkworm.

The silkworm that ate that spat out black thread.

I stared at that and Rica noticed me doing so.

"Huh? It's spitting out black thread.....I've never seen it spat something like this before"

"It's like a cotton candy.....mu!"

"What's the matter, Kakeru?"

The instant I spoke out cotton candy, I got a eureka.

The black thread that the silkworm spat out. That thread that Rica has never seen before, it was carrying the aura of a Demon Sword.

I made it eat an ordinary leaf mixed with the Demon Sword aura and it spat out a thread of a different color.

Adding to the fact that the silkworms were different to what I know, they looked to me like a machine spitting out a colorful cotton candy.

And that gave me a eureka.

".....Rica"

"What?"

"I'll give you a miracle"

"What kind?"

Normally, people would get confused at this point, asking back "miracle, really?".

[Your long relationship with her is not for show]

Just like what Eleanor cheerfully said.

Because of our long relationship, Rica guessed a gist of what I'm going to do. Her eyes started to show excitement.

Chapter 271 – The Memories From When We Just Met

I'm in the courtyard of a large mansion residence.

In that courtyard with a size comparable to a town square, one can see huge barrels the size of a bathtub here and there.

There is colored liquid inside those barrels and bare-breasted men would put in threads inside, then hang them using a pole after taking the threads out.

I'm looking at that scene with Rica.

Both of us are hiding enveloped by my camouflage aura.

"Hmm, dyeing the thread would a process later huh"

"I think so. Though I've known it, this is the first time I'm seeing it with my eyes"

"Dyeing the thread at a later process. It's the same with the one I know"

"What are you going to do next?"

Towards Rica's question, I reached out my hand.

There's a silkworm that I bought in the town and I made it the leaf that I also bought.

Soon after, the silkworm spat out a black thread.

I controlled the aura that I mixed in making it stronger, so the thread it spat out was darker than what the silkworm before made.

It's a glossy black color, similar to obsidian.

That made me reassured even more. Just like the cotton candy machine, I should be able to control the color of the thread that the silkworm spits out by adjusting what it eats.

"Just like this, wouldn't it be a specialty product if you can make the silkworm spit out colored thread? Do you know this method?"

"I don't. I've never even heard of it. How did you do it?"

"I infused my powers into the leaf, just like how I enveloped us with my aura. If Rica doesn't know it, then that is convenient. If I tell Caroline this method, it should be a miracle"

"....."

"What's the matter. What's gotten you silent?"

"Is that something anyone can do?"

"Un?"

I looked at Rica. She's making an unusually difficult face.

"Powers.....magic powers? Leaving aside mixing that to the leaf and letting the silkworm eat it, is that something anyone can do? If it's something that ordinary people can't do, then there would be no meaning"

"....."

There was that huh.

I did not say anything and took out my Warp Feather from my Different Dimension Warehouse. I warped to my mansion along with Rica.

Miu was there, so I removed my aura and showed ourselves.

"Miu"

"Master, and Rica-sama as well. Would you like the bedroom to be prepared?"

"No, there's no need for that right now. More importantly, is Io around?"

"Yes, she is in the living room"

"I see"

I nodded, and after stroking Miu's head, I walked into the living room.

Io would go to various places as an adventurer, but she still stays in my mansion a lot. It seems like she's here right now too.

I entered the living room and saw Io playing with Hikari.

"Ah! Otou-san"

"Kakeru-san. Welcome back"

"I'm back, you two. I want to ask something"

"What is it?"

I took out a leaf and showed it to Io.

"Can you enchant your magic powers to this leaf?"

"Enchant?"

"It's to infuse it with magic powers"

I released a trace of my dark aura in front of her and used it to envelop the leaf.

Seeing that, Io nodded with understanding.

"I'm sorry.....that is.....very difficult"

"Even for you, huh"

Io is now an S-Rank Adventure and is even called a Great Wizard.

There is no one better than her when using lightning-type magic and she also received the Dark Lightning from Eleanor in the past era.

"That" Io said that it's difficult.

"I didn't even know that's possible....."

"You've never heard it before?"

"Yes....."

Io looked dejected.

"Don't feel bad about it. It's not your fault"

I told her while patting her head.

"But.....if even you can't do this, then this idea is rejected then. I thought that it was a good idea, but....."

I thought.

Adjusting the color of the thread the silkworm makes is secondary, the most important thing is that it will attract a lot of attention using this method since colorful threads that won't fade or stain can be made.

I thought it was somewhat revolutionary, but.....

"If it was so easy, then anyone would've done it already. After all, Aino's sericulture has a history of more than a hundred years"

Rica said with a wry smile.

"That's all the more reason", I thought.

That's why I thought it would be enough to be called a miracle.

"There should be a way.....mu!"

"What's the matter, Kakeru-san? Why are you staring at me?"

"Is there something on Oneechan's face?"

Io and Hikari tilted their head.

I continued to stare at Io.

I feel like I'm about to realize something.

Looking at Io's face, something rose inside my head.

I desperately thought what it was.

"Kakeru-san?"

".....it's just at the tip of my tongue. Looking at Io....."

"Me?"

".....maybe it's something related to Io?"

Rica said.

"How about recalling your memories with Io from the beginning? That might trigger it. It might be difficult for the older ones but——"

"There's no problem. I can remember everything I've done with my woman"

"——eh?!"

"Kakeru-san....."

[You can't even remember a man's name though]

I flicked Eleanor who's making fun of me with a finger and traced my memories with lo.

I met her first in the adventurer guild, she told me she wants to become my party member, we went to Orycuto's Valley—

"Ah!"

"You've recalled something?"

"Yeah, wait for a minute"

I used my Warp Feather and warped to Orycuto's valley from my mansion.

The master of the valley looked like it was relaxing, but it suddenly tries to run away as soon as it saw me.

I enveloped my whole body with my dark aura, making my appearance hidden.

Soon after, the Orycuto that was panicking to run away stopped. It nervously looked around.

Finally, it thought that I was not around. It returned to where it was earlier and started to relax.

I looked around.

Orycuto's valley, Orycudite.

It's a place where that rainbow colored ore is created, with the magic powers released by Orycuto being absorbed by surrounding rocks.

I dropped the leaf I brought to the ground.

[Hou.....]

I heard Eleanor's impressed voice.

Orycuto was just relaxing while releasing magic powers as if to breathe out.

That magic powers scattered in its surroundings and even enveloped the leaf.

After seeing the leaf completely dyed with the first color—red, I picked it up and let a silkworm eat it.

The silkworm immediately spat out red thread.

[It's amazing how you thought of this. However, in this way, wouldn't it be difficult for mass production?]

"I guess so....."

Orycuto's Orycudite. It's fine and well with finding a way to use it, but just like what Eleanor had said, it's difficult for mass production.

And although Orycuto would panic and run away as soon as it sees me, it's still a monster that is threatening to ordinary people.

It's probably difficult to take advantage of it for business.

I warped back to my mansion while thinking of other ways.

"Ah! Kakeru-san!"

"Kakeru, look at this"

As soon as I came back, Io and Rica drew close to me.

Prompted by Rica, I looked at the leaf that Io was holding.

It's green—no, it's more green than the normal one.

The color was similar to emerald that is releasing a bright shine.

"This is?"

"I also recalled my memories with Kakeru and I remembered Orycuto. I did it like the Orycuto does, and I was able to do it!"

"Really?"

I took the leaf from Io and after giving it a stare, I made the silkworm eat it.

We stared at the silkworm anxiously as it ate it.

Finally, the silkworm spat out an emerald-colored thread.

"We did it!"

"Io. Can you teach this to other people?"

"Un! It's not that difficult. Though there's a need to go to Orycuto's valley once. The magic powers there, it's also a magic attack, so"

"I see. People who have the aptitude for it.....they can use it so long as they get to leave that valley alive huh"

"Un!"

"That's an amazing discovery, lo"

"Ehehe~....."

lo smiled happily.

I praised, hugged, and kissed her.

After doing that, I looked to Rica's direction.

"We can make a miracle now"

"Un!"

Rica also smiled happily.

Chapter 272 – Oracle

In the town of Ainon, inside the church.

I entered while enveloped by my camouflage aura and saw Caroline offering her prayer among the many believers.

Is it because she is called the Child of God? Or is it because it was “proved” recently?

Among the crowd who were offering their prayers, Caroline was clearly in the middle of them, as if she was in a position that leads the rest of the believers.

It also feels like there is a distance between them.

[This is only natural. After all, she is called the Child of God]

I ignored Eleanor’s words and went in front of the believers.

I walked naturally without hiding the sound of my footsteps.

But even so, thanks to my camouflage aura, no one noticed. All of the believers continued their prayers.

【Caroline】

"Oh God?!"

I called out to her while enveloped by my aura and Caroline quickly opened her eyes.

She looked around searching for me.

"Did just she say God?"

"Is it an oracle?!"

"Shh! Don’t get in her way!"

Caroline’s reaction stirred the surrounding believers.

These believers can’t hear my voice. They only reacted to the words Caroline said.

They stirred a commotion instantly but also turned silent instantly.

However, all of them had eyes of expectations, sending all of their gazes to Caroline.

"Oh God? Are you not around?"

With an expression of half disappointed and half panic——with a voice that sounded like it's from a child who is about to be abandoned, Caroline called out to me.

【I'm here】

"Thank goodness....."

That stirred the believers again, but I ignored them and continued.

【Caroline, there is something I want you to do】

"Please tell me God, I shall follow any of your commands!"

【Firstly, gather townspeople who have gone to Orycuto's Valley】

"O.....ry?"

【Orycuto's Valley】

Is it because it's a place she heard for the first time? Caroline tilted her head in confusion.

After hesitating for a moment, she changed her frequency and said to the believers.

"God said, gather people who have gone to Orycuto's Valley"

The believers were stirred.

"Orycuto's Valley.....isn't that the place where you can get Orycudite?"

"Why is....."

"It is Solon-sama's words. Anyway, let's go and ask the people in the town"

The believers were confused as well, but even so, they left the church in a hurry.

It was quick after that. Within thirty minutes, there are five young men——all of them adventurers——who have gathered inside the church.

"Oh God, we have gathered them"

【Yosh. After that, make them use this magic】

"Magic?"

In front of Caroline who was tilted her head, I dropped a leaf that is the staple diet of silkworms.

It was enveloped by my aura until then, but as soon as it left my hand, it would've looked as if it suddenly appeared from nothing.

The believers that have gathered beforehand, the five adventurers, and the townspeople who came to watch.

All of them let out a voice of surprise.

"It suddenly appeared"

"I didn't feel magic powers"

"I'm telling you, Solon-sama must have visited us"

I continued after seeing Caroline catch the leaf in a panic.

【It's magic name is Chroma】

"I understand—uhm.....please use the magic called Chroma to this"

When Caroline said that, the adventurers looked at each other's faces.

"Chroma.....? We can use a magic spell like that?"

"No, before that, it's the first time I've heard it"

"What kind of magic spell is it?"

The adventurers were confused, but on the other hand, Caroline was calm as she stared straight at them.

God's words and Caroline who brings the oracle. Compared to the adventurers, the surrounding people knew who to believe and just urged them to hurry up.

After wavering for a moment, the adventurers reluctantly did what they were told.

They chanted “Chroma” towards the leaf that Caroline brought.

They chanted it one by one. Nothing happened until the fourth man, but at the fifth man’s turn, magic powers were released from his whole body.

It was a red colored magic powers, magic powers that seemed as if it was flames.

Voices of surprise were raised within the church, but after they saw Caroline and that adventurer not hurt, finding out that it was just magic powers, they regained their selves.

That magic powers stuck to the leaf. The magic powers stuck to the ordinary green leaf, turning it to a flaming red color.

【Hold it just like that, Caroline. Don’t drop it】

"Yes"

After telling her in advance, this time, I placed a silkworm on top of Caroline’s palm and removed my camouflage aura.

The silkworm that suddenly appeared stirred the townspeople, but Caroline who was told not to drop it was unmoved.

The silkworm ate the red colored leaf and spat out a thread of the same color.

""Ohhhhhhh!!""

The townspeople raised voices of awe at once.

"P-Please let me see it for a moment"

Passing through the crowd, one old man approached Caroline.

He moved closer and his eyes widened unbelievably as he looked at the red thread.

"This color.....this gloss"

"What’s the matter, Old Biron?"

A man who seemed to be the old man’s acquaintance asked within the crowd.

"A color this pure, a color with such uniform shade. It’s a color that I’ve tried yet was never able to make"

"Is that true?!"

The surrounding people were stirred.

"Umu. Dyeing the threads would always tend to be dull and the color tends to be mottling. To make a color as beautiful as this, it is amazing enough if you were able to succeed once every hundred tries"

"Let me see it too"

"Hey, can other colors be made too?"

People who seemed to be involved in sericulture continuously appeared from the crowd. They would stare at the thread that the silkworm spat out and would ask Caroline questions.

I told Caroline about it.

About the magic spell "Chroma" that uses Orycudite and about the thread made by letting silkworms eat leaves enveloped by it.

The color created by the magic spell "Chroma" depends on the person's aptitude and attribute.

And by using Caroline's voice, I revealed that to the townspeople.

The magic spell "Chroma" itself was undiscovered up until now.

It was only natural. It's a magic spell you can learn by getting hit by Orycuto's magic powers. It's not an offensive spell, so even if you get "hit" you won't realize it.

And of course, the method of changing the leaves eaten by silkworms is a first as well.

Immediately, the people involved with sericulture who heard that left in a hurry. They're probably going to gather people from the town who have experience in going to Orycuto's valley, they might even be gathering them from other towns.

It felt as if they can't wait to test this method.

Within the people who remained, the old man called Old Biron knelt to Caroline.

"Thank you very much. We will never forget this debt of gratitude, Caroline-sma"

The old man put his hands together and worshiped Caroline, but Caroline's reaction was dull.

She probably couldn't hear him. I can tell from the movement of Caroline's eyes. She's waiting for my words.

She's still matching her frequency with mine, so she doesn't seem to hear the old man's words.

However, even if Caroline couldn't, it wasn't the same for the townspeople.

A moment after Old Biron kneeled, the other people followed him and worshipped Caroline.

"Thank you very much, Caroline-sama"

"Thank you, Oh God"

"Long live Solon-sama"

They said those words of praise one next to the other.

[Good for you, Oh God]

Eleanor teased me while grinning.

The good mood I could feel from her while she teased me proved our success.

Seeing Caroline being worshipped by the believers, I was assured of my success—whatever Diatheke was, I was assured that I've successfully built up a foundation to make Caroline the pope.

Chapter 273 – Scheme and Reward

In the town of Aion, I'm beside Caroline while enveloped by my camouflage aura.

The town of Aion is very lively right now.

The magic spell from Orycutto, Chroma. After knowing that it could be used to make silkworms spit out threads of different color, everyone in the town who were involved with sericulture started taking actions.

Sorting out the magic powers that can be enchanted using Chroma, sorting out the difference of colors made by magic powers, doing tests in adjusting the depth of the color.

The town, it was full of excitement to the extent that it could be seen from anyone's eyes.

While all of that happened, Caroline only continued to pray inside the church.

She won't even react even if someone is talking to her. She is only continuing to pray, waiting for the next oracle of her god.

Looking at her, I was thinking of what to do next. It was at that time.

"Caroline-sama!"

One man rushed into the church in a panic.

That man who seemed to be in his thirties was panicking—he was even about to kick away the long bench seats, came in front of Caroline.

"This is bad, Caroline-sama!"

"....."

"Caroline-sama?"

Opposite to the man who looked desperate, Caroline only closed her eyes, unmoving as she prayed.

"It's useless. Caroline-sama is offering her prayer"

"When she's like this, she won't hear anything but God's oracle"

A believer who was praying just the same said.

The “Backward Compatibility” that I gave to Caroline. That ability that allows her to match the frequency with other people seems to be known by many believers.

"T-This is bad, Caro——"

The man tried to grab Caroline’s shoulder.

He probably wanted to shake her if his voice can’t reach her.

"What are you doing, you insolent fellow!"

"It is unforgivable to disturb Caroline-sama’s prayer"

Did they predict it? Or were their reactions were just quick?

The surrounding believers captured the man.

You could see clear anger in their expressions.

As if to say “this outrageous fellow daring to disturb Caroline”.

"Please let me go! This isn’t the time for this. The Queen, the Queen’s messenger came!"

What?

[Hou?]

Eleanor and I reacted at the same time.

The queen the man was saying must be Rica.

The town of Aion within the territory of the Calamba Kingdom. The queen that a resident from that place would say would only be Rica.

"What do you mean?"

"I’m saying——"

Quicker than the man could explain, the church’s door was opened again.

The door was opened, and under the light coming from outside, a middle-aged man advanced while protected by soldiers.

His attire is quite decent. He looks like someone who has a high position.

[Hou, this guy huh. Kukuku, I'm sure you don't remember so I'll say it first. It's the man during the "Five Noble Titles(Goshaku)"]

Un?

Ahh, that time when Althea casually got me noble titles from all the five great kingdoms huh.

That means, this guy is Rica's messenger at that time.

Now that it's mentioned, his face seems familiar. Well, I don't really remember it though.

[Yes, of course you don't]

Eleanor mercilessly said with a roll of her eyes.

The man slowly walked forward and stood in front of Caroline.

He said in a ceremonious manner with his chin up as he looked down at Caroline.

"These are the words from Her Majesty, Queen Rica Calamba. Listen carefully"

After he said that, the surrounding believers were stirred at once.

Only Caroline didn't show a reaction. She only continued praying as if she can't hear anything.

Seeing that, the man furrowed his brows.

"How discourteous"

"Uhm! Caroline-sama is praying right now"

"She can't hear anyone else other than God"

The surrounding believers defended her in a hurry.

"Hmph, whatever"

The man scoffed and made a scornful smile.

"You can only act like that now", was written on his face.

But when I was wondering what he meant.

"You have discovered a new kind of silk yarn manufacturing method. Praised for that achievement, the title of first-class baron shall be bestowed upon Caroline of Ainon"

The surrounding were stirred.

Surprise, delight.

Those emotions were mixed, filling the church with a commotion.

However, Caroline herself did not show any reactions.

She can't hear their voices—no, she can't understand their words, so naturally, she doesn't understand what just happened.

As a result, she did not show any reactions as she continued to pray.

The man's face was quickly stiffening.

At first, he was like "You can only act like that now", then after he said Rica's words, he was like "Hmph, you must be filled with awe", then he gradually turned to "How can you remain unmoved".

His expression was mixed with surprise and anger.

"How discourteous!"

He used the same words as earlier, but this time, he shouted at Caroline with anger.

Naturally, the believers tried to mediate. Some of them were even risking themselves to protect Caroline.

Furthermore.

"As expected from her"

"Yeah, she's probably not interested with worldly titles"

There were even those who became more devout to Caroline—the Child of God.

Looking at the situation, I judged that it wouldn't be any big problems.

After giving them a good look, I took out my Warp Feather and warped to Meteora.



In Meteora's palace, I encountered a maid when I warped to Rica's room.

"Kakeru-sama!"

That maid who was making the bed wasn't surprised when I suddenly appeared, but instead, she became stiff with nervousness as her back straightened.

"Thea, where's Rica?"

"The Queen Her Majesty is in her office"

"I see, thank you"

"It was my honor!"

Leaving the maid that looked respectful, I left Rica's room and walked through the familiar corridor.

[The maid earlier, do you know her?]

"She's one of the chambermaids. I've seen her several times in Rica's harem"

[What about her name?]

"n? Rica called her like that, so I shouldn't be wrong"

[I'm not speaking about that though]

"What then?"

I asked but Eleanor won't answer.

"What's up with her?" I thought as I arrived in Rica's office.

I knocked and entered.

"Rica"

"Kakeru!"

Rica stood from her chair and ran up to me.

"I knew you would come"

"Yeah. Why did you do something like that?"

"Fufu, before that, can I guess what happened? That girl, she didn't accept right?"

"Rather than not accepting, she didn't even hear it"

Hearing that, Rica's smile deepened.

"Why did you do something like that?"

"As a queen, I can grasp what is happening in my territory. The more it is, since an oracle that could greatly change the circumstances of the town Ainon was made"

Rica was smiling, but she said that as if she was not concerned with it.

Not to mention grasping what happened, she saw it, no, she was completely involved.

But even so, Rica took a step back and expressed it as "grasping" it.

"Is it not natural to glorify the key figure within all of that?"

"And then? What's the real reason?"

"Gilding the lily"

"Gilding?"

"Kakeru is making that girl rise up right?"

"Yeah, I am"

"If so, isn't then gilding some gold is good for her as well? Not only possessing the ability to receive oracles, being acknowledged by worldly authorities is important too"

"I see"

"Nevertheless, she won't accept it anyway. A Child of God that would even ignore the authorities of the secular world. Wouldn't it make her even more revered?"

I recalled what happened earlier.

It's true that there are some believers who became more devout to Caroline. She planned it that far, huh.

"As expected from you"

"She's a girl who caught Kakeru's eye after all"

"That sounds like it make sense but not at the same time....."

"More importantly, is she already?"

".....not yet"

I didn't understand what she was implying for an instant, but I immediately remembered that Rica is called the "Master of the Rose Garden".

She's a woman who, while being a queen, she gathered women and made her harem "Rose Garden", and gave it to me as a whole.

The "already" that Rica says only has one meaning.

"Why?"

"I'll do it sooner or later, but we're still halfway after all"

"I see. Then, can I be first?"

"Fine"

I answered promptly. I wrapped an arm around Rica's waist and gave her a deep kiss.

While kissing, I remembered that the maid Thea was making the bed in Rica's bedroom, so I chose to warp to my mansion.

"Wait, Kakeru"

When I was about to warp, Rica stopped me.

"I didn't mean it like that, there's a girl that I want Kakeru to make love with"

"I intended on praising you with a "good job" though"

"I'm asking if you can do it to that girl too. She's a good girl, but she was with trouble"

"Shouldn't you just give her a noble title?"

"She's such a good girl. That's why I don't want to reward her with something usual. If possible, I want Kakeru to make her "happy""

Rica looked up to me within my arms.

She looked at me pleading with her graceful eyes.

"Making me love her is better than having a noble title, huh"

"Isn't that natural?"

"I see, since that's the case"

I took out my Warp Feather and pushed Rica down on her bed after we warped.

"Kakeru?!"

"Since that's the case, I must give you your reward first"

I dropped a kiss on her then looked straight to her eyes.

"About Caroline and about that girl. As a reward for both of them, you're first"

I peeked into her beautiful eyes.

"Got it?"

I said.

Rica was surprised for a moment, but she soon wrapped her arms around my neck.

"Thank you. I love you, Kakeru"

That Rica who became sweet and lovable.

For a whole night, I loved her slowly and gently.

Chapter 274 – The Queen's Scheme

At night in my bedroom. Rica was looking up to the ceiling wearing just a single piece of silk clothing.

Even within the darkness, her eyes looked clear and sparkling.

Those eyes of hers made me interested a bit.

"What's the matter, are you thinking of something?"

"I was remembering the past"

"The past?"

"Before I met Kakeru"

Rica suddenly smiled.

I remembered different eyes.

Rica's eyes when we just met, her eyes that looked lifeless when she was being controlled like a puppet by the eunuchs.

"Why so suddenly?"

"I can't remember it"

"Un?"

"You know, right now. I have so many things to think of every day. I feel like it's even too much. But I would suddenly think, what was I thinking back then"

"Hmm"

"And then, I realized I couldn't remember anything. Although I can remember what happened back then, I can't remember what I was thinking at all"

"Would you want to remember it?"

I got on top of Rica who was lying on her back, looking into her eyes.

If, if Rica wants to remember, then.....

".....fufu"

She stared straight back to my eyes and gently smiled.

"What's funny?"

"Kakeru is always like that. If I answered yes here, you would probably do that for me. No matter how difficult it would be, no matter what obstacles are waiting for you"

"Of course"

Rica is a good woman, my woman.

If Rica wishes so, then I'll grant it whatever it is.

"Fufu"

"What's up with you, really"

"That was probably why, it turned out like this"

"Un?"

"Kakeru is only doing what he wants. You would find good women and make love with them. You would love them because they would become good women and continuously love good women as they improve"

"Well yeah"

"That Kakeru, makes the women around him captivated wilfully. It is not because Kakeru is cool, nor because he would do something for us. That way of living makes us captivated"

"Is it such a big deal?"

"Being captivated, it brings us joy"

"Hmm"

"It even makes us want to help you"

"The noble title.....no, about Melissa huh"

Rica's smile deepened.

Rica's an intelligent woman. She probably knows that the reason I'm helping Caroline in the first place is for Melissa.

The Solon Church's pope is about to die and there are movements to support the next pope. Naturally, as a queen, Rica would've known it.

And she probably somewhat knows that Melissa is refusing to be the pope.

It is easy for Rica to imagine that I would do something for Melissa, so she probably lent a hand somewhere.

"I'll tell Kakeru one thing"

"What is it?"

"There is a person in Calamba named Sybil Crass. At her own expense, she would open schools in small villages, and she herself is teaching lessons in there"

"He~"

"But that person is currently in a tight spot. As a result of using her own wealth to do that, she is living an impoverished life enough to make herself fall into malnutrition. On top of that, she being harassed by some people that think that education is only for nobles. After saying this much, you should know what to do"

Rica smiled at me.

"It's the best person to show God's mercy huh"

I also grinned and raised the corner of my mouth, smiling back at her.

"That sounds something like if she were someone from the church, after she dies from deprivation, she would be a saint in the stories"

"Yes"

"If I use Caroline to help her, then her reputation will rise"

Rica silently smiled.

That's why it makes you want to help.

Within the silence, I felt like I was told the same line from earlier.

"Thank you"

I kissed Rica then got out of the bed, started to wear my clothes.

"You're going already?"

"Yeah, I heard something good, so I'll be acting quickly"

I wore my clothes, took Eleanor, and took out my Warp Feather.

After giving Rica one last kiss, I warped to Ainon to make use of the information I got.



Rica, left in the room alone after Kakeru left.

Enveloped by the remaining warmth and scent by her most beloved, she fell once again to the bed.

Laying on her back, she looked up at the ceiling.

Her eyes that shone even within the darkness was filled by loving kindness that did not show earlier.

"It makes us want to help you"

Rica repeated the same words.

Sybil Crass.

A person who thinks of the kingdom a hundred years later. A person who is burning with the ideal that the commoners must be given to commoners.

And a person who, for that ideal, would be willing to sacrifice her own self.

That kind of.....woman. A woman that Kakeru would like.

Rica Calamba.

She is known as a queen who possesses a harem, and as such, called the Master of the Rose Garden.

Within Rica's consciousness, the Rose Garden does not only exist within her palace, but extends throughout the lands of the Calamba Kingdom.

Rica who completely believes that being captivated by Kakeru is happiness schemed for Sybil and Kakeru's encounter.

"I should prepare some more"

By adding intricate details, she was thinking of accelerating Caroline and Kakeru's relationship.

Chapter 275 – The Cradle of Killing Intent

The people frequenting the church in the town of Ainon increased a lot.

And the reason for that is easy to tell. People gathered surrounding Caroline who is continuously praying in front of the statue of the Solon Church.

The Maiden of Oracle and the commoners that worships her.

That composition was clearly made.

I hid myself using my camouflage aura and stood in front of Caroline to tell her about Sybil.

I was about to speak to her just like how I did before, but.

[What's the matter?

Eleanor was doubtful when I stood there without saying a word.

I looked at Caroline. I stared at her face intently.

Caroline has her eyes closed as she prayed, but I saw the color of exhaustion in her face.

There were bags under her eyes as if she has not slept for many days.

Eleanor who felt what I was seeing noticed it a moment later.

[It looks like she doesn't have enough sleep]

【It seems so.....Caroline】

"Oh God!"

Caroline opened her eyes and displayed happiness.

Her surroundings were stirred at the same time.

They raised a voice of awe because the oracle arrived.

I was planning on telling her about Sybil, but rather than that, her condition bothered me.

【You, you haven't slept for a while?】

"Yes"

【Why?】

"I didn't want to miss hearing God's voice"

Caroline showed a smile.

She had a face that looked clearly exhausted, yet she showed a clear and bright smile.

"It's because I wanted to hear God"

[It means that she was waiting for you]

【Caroline.....】

"Yes!"

【Sleep right away】

"Sleep.....?"

【Yeah, sleep right away.....this is an order】

"Understood. I'll sleep"

Caroline nodded.

Two middle-aged women immediately rushed to her from the crowd.

The two women showed a mixed expression of worry and relief as they rushed to Caroline.

"Now now, God has spoken"

"Let's go to sleep okay, Caroline-sama"

[Hmm. It seems that these two truly worries about her. In opposite to that..... kuku]

Eleanor laughed.

Other than the two women who were bringing Caroline to her room, the people of Ainon that gathered here showed disappointed.

I got a bit pissed off.

I was pissed off by these people who are only thinking of themselves, not

even worrying about Caroline who looked clearly exhausted.

I ignored them and headed together to Caroline's room.

Caroline's bedroom inside the church.

Caroline was brought there and laid to her bed.

"Please take a good rest"

"Please call us immediately if anything happens"

The two women said and left the room.

Caroline was left alone lying on her bed——but she opened her eyes.

She flickered her eyes as she looked up at the ceiling then closed her eyes again. But she would immediately open them again and stare at the ceiling.

【What's the matter?】

I couldn't help but ask her.

"I can't sleep"

【Can't sleep?】

"Un.....I can't help thinking about God....."

【.....wait for a moment】

I said, took out my Warp Feather, and warped to my mansion.

The slave soldiers are training in the annex's training grounds. I removed my camouflage aura and approached.

"Nikki"

"Your Excellency! Is something the matter?"

"Is there anyone who can use sleep magic?"

"Akasha from 8th platoon can"

"Call her"

"As your command!"

Nikki saluted with her heels placed together then ran to call her.

I ordered the slave soldier she brought to use sleep magic on me.

Of course, it didn't work, but this is enough.

I said thanks to Nikki and Akasha then warped once again to Caroline's room.

"God?"

Caroline woke up and looked at me.

I didn't envelope myself with my camouflage aura so she can see me.

"Just stay put. I'll use sleep magic on you now. You should sleep for a while"

"Yes, I understood.....uhm"

"Un?"

"When I wake, will you be there?"

".....yeah"

I nodded and Caroline smiled happily.

I used the sleep magic that I just learned on her.

The effects were clear. Caroline who was exhausted and cannot sleep immediately fell asleep.

[Kukuku, look at this girl, she's completely a maiden in love]

"She doesn't think so though"

[She is only not aware of being in love]

"I guess so"

She's too easy to tell after all.

That's good too, but if this continues, she might break her body.

I need to do something about it.

I remained by her side.

I remained while thinking about what to do. I remained so that I can be there when she woke up as I promised.

Suddenly, it became noisy outside.

The noise passed through the walls and the sleeping Caroline furrowed her eyebrows uncomfortably.

"....."

I silently left the room and headed to where the noise was coming.

As I returned to where Caroline was praying earlier, I encountered the scene of a commotion.

The people who gathered to see the oracle started a commotion because Caroline left.

I picked up voices of different people individually within the commotion, but stopped after hearing three of them.

All of them, they're saying things there wasn't an oracle today as well or this isn't the time for resting.

They were all just complaining.

[Kukuku, the masses are as selfish as usual]

Eleanor playfully said. There were thorns in her words.

I was displeased just like her.

"Shut up"

That's what all I said.

I did not shout nor raise my voice.

However, that voice echoed inside the church, and.

"""".....""""

The people who were making noises turned silent.

[Kukuku, what an impressive killing intent]

Eleanor became more and more enjoying.

Killing intent, no, I should call it just a mere threat.

I only pointed the killing intent "I'll kill you if you make some more noise" at them along with my words.

It was super effective. The people who were making a commotion turned pale without exception. Some were even trembling.

I thoroughly pressured them, enough to disable them to speak out any word and become unable even to run away.

After that, I left them and returned to Caroline's room.

I did not remove my killing intent, I did not stop threatening them.

At a diameter of a hundred meters with Caroline in the center, I continued to release my pressure.

Caroline slept peacefully on her bed.

Until the sun set and the next day come.

I made her rest within the cradle of my killing intent.

Chapter 276 – A Serious Charade

"Uu.....nn"

Caroline who was sleeping peacefully opened her eyes.

She opened her eyes and blankly stared at the ceiling—but it was only for an instant.

She jumped out of her bed as if she was triggered by something.

"God!"

She shouted with a desperate voice as she looked around.

"Don't worry, I'm here"

"Ahh! Thank goodness....."

Caroline found me and showed a clear relief.

"Have you slept well?"

"U-Un"

"I see. From now on, you should sleep properly"

"But I want to hear God——"

"Don't worry, I'll be by your side when you wake up. More importantly, you should take care of yourself"

"Un"

Caroline stared straight at me.

She seemed to be waiting for me to talk to her, not saying anything unimportant—at least that's how it seems.

Her eyes looked strong as she looked at me, making me feel rushed without her saying anything.

[It looks as if a pet dog is waiting for her owner to lead her out for a walk]

Eleanor's whisper made me strangely convinced.

Even a well-trained dog, if their owner shows up with their leash, they would become excited and even bark sometimes.

Caroline's eyes as she stares at me make me feel something similar to that. It makes me want to answer her expectation.

"There's something I want to tell you. Gather everyone to the chapel"

"Un!"

Caroline's eyes were filled with more expectations and she rushed out of the room.

I hid my appearance with my camouflage aura and left the room a moment later to tell her the oracle.

The fact that Caroline woke up and an oracle will be sent immediately spread out, so people gathered within the chapel.

The fact that they were told that there is going to be an oracle, more people gathered compared to yesterday.

I stood in front of Caroline who prayed in the same position as yesterday and waited for a while. After seeing most of the people have gathered, I opened my mouth.

【Caroline】

"God!"

The surroundings were stirred. They were so loud that ordinary voices were turned to mere noises.

However, it was irrelevant to Caroline who can only hear God's/my voice.

I told that Caroline about Sybil, telling her to make the church shelter and aid her.

The woman's story about using her own wealth to educate children from poor villages calls for empathy and immediately gathered respect.

Adding to the fact that she was being noticed by god, the church immediately took actions to shelter her.



The next day.

After breakfast, I was relaxing in the living room for a while.

I caught Miu and MofuMofu-d her, charging my energy.

"Otouto-san"

Hikari and Chibi Dragon entered the living room.

"What's the matter, Hikari"

"Is Otouto-san busy today too?"

"I'm planning on going to Caroline today too. She's been working since yesterday, so I'm planning to take a look if there are any results"

"Oh. Can Hikari go too?"

"Of course you can"

I patted Hikari's head.

"It might be necessary to use force if the situation starts to move. In that case, it's reassuring if Hikari is there too"

"Really?"

"Of course"

[I should be enough]

"If it's just you, no matter how strong you get, 99% is the limit. Only when Hikari is there together with you that we can reach 100%"

"Un! Hikari will do her best for Otouto-san~!"

"Yeah"

I stroked Hikari's head more dearly.

My beloved daughter is so cute. She's so cute that it makes me want to just stroke her head like this for the whole day.

[Hmph.....you should feel fortunate that Hikari's your daughter]

"Of course. If there comes a time that someone describes Hikari as a failure of

a daughter, I will throw them to hell and——"

[I didn't mean that.....I'm saying that she might've fallen because of that earlier]

"n? What are you muttering?"

Normally, there's nothing I would miss with my 777x hearing, but only Eleanor's voice was not affected by hearing, so there are sometimes when I won't hear what she's whispering.

Well, there should be no problem if it's the words Eleanor whispered silently.

She is a good woman too. If it's needed, she'll say it many times enough for me to hear her.

"Ehehe～....."

I continued to stroke Hikari's head until we headed out.



【Missing?】

I warped to Aion's church and received Caroline's report as she was surrounded by believers just like yesterday.

"Un. Uhm....."

Caroline looked around as if to search for someone, then stopped her gaze at one man.

The man who was Caroline was looking at seemed troubled.

Caroline tilted her head in confusion.

【Tell him to just speak. I'm listening】

"God said that he is listening"

After hearing Caroline, the man started to report.

"Yesterday, we sent people to all of the villages Sybil-san is visiting, but she was missing since three days ago after she left Amphi. They said that usually, she would head to Coza, but the people from Coza thought of it strange since Sybil-san didn't come to Coza"

【Did you investigate between Amphi and Coza?】

"Did you investigate between Amphi and Coza?"

"We are investigating it right now"

I thought for a while.

It's an accident, so it's easy as long as the accident was resolved.

There is only one problem.

That is when Sybil is already dead.

I want to use the accident to raise Caroline's reputation, so I want to bring her and solve the case in front of the believers.

I can solve almost any accident, unless she is already dead.

If by any chance that she's already dead and I brought Caroline, her reputation would drop drastically. In that case, it's better not to bring her.

It's been three days since she was missing.

It depends on how you look at this length of time.



At Chiye's mountain path between Amphi and Coza.

Caroline advanced through the mountain path while being protected by many believers. Her appearance looked similar to that of Carline.

A higher ranked servant of god being protected by ordinary believers. However, their eyes and expressions were filled with strong trust and conviction, as if they would protect her at all cost.

In that sense, Caroline is treading the same path as Melissa.

I was walking far ahead of that group.

After thinking it through, I decided to make Caroline and the believers come.

Instead, I will go far ahead of them, and in the worst case——in other words, if Sybil was dead, I will conceal it with my aura.

[She shouldn't be dead]

"What's your basis for saying that?"

I asked back, hearing Eleanor say that with an asserting tone.

[It's because the one who mentioned this case to you is Rica. I don't believe that that woman would make such a mistake]

"You have a high evaluation for Rica"

[I am not speaking about that. Although I would not say otherwise as well, it is an information given to you by your woman. If so, then one mentioned in the matter must be outstandingly beautiful]

"That's not all, to describe a good woman"

[Rica has her pride as a woman as well]

"Hmm?"

It's difficult to judge what kind of pride was mentioned here.

[I'll say it in a different way. That Sybil must be a woman offered to you to become yours in bed]

"Well, that might be true"

At that time, Rica didn't say anything, but I think so, judging from what she's doing recently.

Or rather, if that wasn't the case, she might not have mentioned this to me.

[If so, then there is no way she'll let her die. At the very least, she should've done some insurance]

"I see"

While being convinced by Eleanor's words, I fully controlled my senses to search.

I focused on the mountain path, so that I won't miss even the smallest hint.

Suddenly, I heard a faint voice from the side of the mountain path.

I stopped to listen, it was a human voice.

I looked at the direction where I heard the voice. It was the mountain path, the walls made of soil were stretching.

But.

"This part looks new"

[Umu. Look above as well]

[Ah! The wall's fallen]

I looked up as I was told.

And just like Hikari had said, the mountain looked like it was partially collapsed.

"In other words, the wall was collapsed to close in——"

[Something's coming from above!]

"——!!"

I reacted hearing Eleanor's voice and slashed as I unsheathed the Demon Sword.

I slashed, tracing an arc above my head.

Something came flying, it wasn't at the speed of free falling, so I instinctively countered attack using the Demon Sword.

There were also earth and sand among the things that fell. The "enemy" hid itself within those as it attacked.

Eleanor's slash avoided the earth and sand and chopped it into two.

That thing that was chopped into two without even allowing it to scream looked like an ape a size bigger than a mountain gorilla.

"What the heck is this?"

[Who knows?]

[Moz Monkey. It's a monster that attacks humans and animals, buries them alive and preserves them as food]

"You knew that, Hikari?!"

This really surprised me.

[Ehehe~, O-chan told me right now]

"O-chan.....Olivia huh"

[Un! Since returning from the “past”, I can now stay with O-chan always]

[She is now Hikari’s familiar after all]

Eleanor added and I was convinced.

"I see. We found out something new again. In other words, Sybil is buried here alive, preserved as fresh as she could be, and it attacked us so it could do us the same"

[That seems to be the case. I also realized something new]

"What?"

[Because you defeated it on impulse, you can’t raise Caroline’s reputation anymore]

"Mu!"

I couldn’t help but furrow my eyebrows. I heard Eleanor’s “Kukuku” laugh inside my head.

Now that she mentioned it.

It was so sudden so I couldn’t help myself from defeating it, but that isn’t good.

No, it’s fine with me defeating it.

But I should’ve done it when Caroline was around.

I should’ve done it while she’s present, best case scenario, the Moz Monkey attacked her and defeated it while hidden by my camouflage aura, making it seem as if she has god’s protection.

That’s the best case scenario.

However.....

"Damn it, I don’t feel the presence of something similar nearby"

[O-chan told me Moz Monkey likes living alone. She told me that that’s why it would preserve lots of food]

"Muu....."

I couldn't help but groan.

It's not like there would be any problem if this continues.

I can just give an "oracle" to dig the wall when Caroline passed by here along with the believers.

That is fine too, it is, but.

"After finding out this monster's existence, it makes me feel regrettable"

[It can't be helped. It's spilled milk. You should compromise]

"That's true....."

[Ne~, ne~, Otou-san. O-chan's saying she wants to be of help]

"Olivia is?"

[Un!]

Olivia wants to be of help.....?

What does she mean? I don't really get it.

I don't get it, but.

It's Olivia, it's that Olivia.

If so.

"I got it. I'll leave it to you"

[Un!]

After Hikari said that happily, I almost reacted again.

Demon Sword Hikari, a tremendous power flew heading towards the sky from her blade.

I couldn't help but brace myself although I was told beforehand, it was that tremendous of a power.

While I thought what it was, I heard voices and footsteps coming from behind.

It's Caroline's group.

I quickly enveloped myself with my camouflage aura along with the Moz Monkey's corpse.

The group's voices gradually approached. Finally, they passed in front of me.

I didn't move as I hid my appearance.

I can't move first, I can only wait for Olivia.

[.....look above]

I heard Eleanor's voice once again.

She sounded a lot calmer than the time with the Moz Monkey, but her tone was a few levels more serious.

Something came flying from above. I unsheathed Eleanor and blocked it.

"Huh?!!"

"Kyaaaaa!!"

"What's going on?!!"

The mountain shook and the believers panicked.

The next instant, a dragon fell from the sky and landed.

It was a dragon with red eyes and dark scales, enveloped by an ominous aura.

Evil Dragon.

Those two words appeared in my mind.

Although its appearance looked ominous, I immediately knew that it was Olivia.

It was because her presence felt like it was from Olivia and Hikari added together and divided by two.

"D-Dragon?!"

"Hiiiiiiiiiiii!!"

"W-Why in such a place?!"

They panicked. A third of the believers immediately tried to run away.

They can't be blamed. That's how frightening Olivia is right now.

Olivia who had her appearance changed with Hikari's powers. She looked as if her "Terror" stat parameter was maxed.

Within the hand—the claws of Olivia, one human was captured.

It's someone I've never seen before. I realized something and quickly looked at the mountain walls.

That place that seemed like it was gouged out was the place where I heard the groaning voice from earlier.

[She dug her up at the same time as she landed]

[O-chan, she said she'll be the bad guy]

Olivia suddenly grinned—the next instant, she spat out something from her mouth.

The people that Caroline brought with her ran with panic.

I got in between Caroline and Olivia and blocked it away using Eleanor.

【Ku!】

It was heavy, it was unbelievably heavy.

The huge hole was made in mountain walls where I blocked it away shows how strong it was.

That Olivia's attack was enough to make me reminisce her strength when she was a Red Dragon.

On the other hand, thanks to me blocking it.

"I-In front of Caroline-sama....."

"It's a miracle, it's a miracle!"

"God's protection is upon us!"

The believers cheered.

I quickly told Caroline.

【Caroline】

"Yes!"

【There is no need for you to move. Just stand there】

"Yes!"

Caroline made a huge nod.

Although they were not aware of what Caroline and I were talking about, seeing Caroline's expression was enough for the believers to be relieved.

Olivia made a turn and swung her tail.

Her tail that was bigger than my mansion's pillar attacked Caroline.

I stopped it using the Demon Sword, but the shockwaves made the mountain collapse.

She's really not holding back. Olivia is probably serious.

Olivia is attacking seriously.

【.....what a good woman】

I became happy and fought against Olivia.

Against Olivia's onslaught, I answered with Eleanor and Hikari, using the full powers of the mother and daughter Demon Swords.

From the side, it must've looked like a strange fight.

The evil dragon is attacking Caroline, its attacks were enough to make the mountain tremble and split the earth, yet all of them would not reach Caroline, as if they were being blocked by a mysterious power.

Caroline placed her hands together and started to pray. Seeing that, the other believers started to pray.

Caroline is being protected by god. That recognition seems to have spread among them.

Seeing that, Olivia's attacks got even more intense.

Olivia is really a good woman. She didn't hold back at all, unleashing attacks that looks even more powerful.

And to block that, I needed to fight her seriously. If I lose my focus even for a second, Olivia might defeat me.

The more Olivia fought seriously the more reputation Caroline gains.

Knowing that, Olivia is attacking seriously without holding back.

And, that is why.

【Let's end it with the next attack. Eleanor, Hikari】

[Umu]

[Un!]

I can't make the fight last longer.

Did she feel my powers soaring? Olivia opened her jaws, filled with sharp fangs, wide enough to swallow Caroline and the rest.

I counterattacked using Eleanor and Hikari with a cross slash.

The instant the evil dragon was about to bit Caroline, its head was blown away in pieces.

A second later, cheers of joy were raised from the believers.

I gently received Sybil from the disappearing (returning inside Hikari) Olivia.

Chapter 277 – Completely Dead Laid

I slowly put down Sybil on the ground.

Sybil looks like she is sleeping very peacefully, as if she could wake up anytime.

I don't see her injured anywhere, so with this—

"This is bad, this might be....."

When I was getting relieved, one believer came to Sybil's side.

That believer knelt down beside her and looked at her face, took her hand and inspected her nails.

"What's the matter, Kurou-san?"

"This, it's Moz Monkey's poison"

It's alright that the man called Kurou checked how Sybil was doing, but the instant he saw the symptoms, he made a panicked expression.

"Moz Monkey?"

"It's an ape monster. A monster that has the trait of catching its prey alive and inject poison into their body, burying them alive and preserve them. When it injects poison to its prey, the victim will fall into a state just like animals hibernating"

Kurou explained to the believers that don't seem to understand the situation.

"She was poisoned by that monster you're saying?"

"Yeah"

"I see. But it's just paralysis poison, right? After all, it's keeping its prey alive. Shouldn't it be alright now that she's saved?"

I also thought so.

Why is Kurou looking so panicked?

"That is not the case. Moz Monkey needs its prey to be preserved for a long

time. If its poison stays on her body for a long time, her state would permanently be fixed in a state of hibernation"

"Fixed?"

The believers were stirred.

"If that happens, she won't wake up forever"

"Don't tell me.....she's already....."

Kurou nodded solemnly.

"Right, it seems we were a bit late"

Moz Monkey's poison, it had that characteristic?

[Otou-san, O-chan's saying he's right]

I see.

【Caroline】

"Yes! God!"

The instant Caroline answered, the believers were stirred.

They were stirred differently, unlike how they showed helplessness and confusion earlier.

【Make everyone pray】

"Okay!"

Caroline told the believers to pray.

Pray for Sybil. Hearing Caroline, the believers put their hands together at once and prayed.

The Solon Church's believers prayed with Caroline in the center.

And as I was enveloped by my camouflage aura, I took out a magic ball (white) from my Different Dimension Warehouse and used it on Sybil.

It's a cheat item I won from the lottery. A magic ball that heals all kinds of injury.

That healing light enveloped Sybil, and finally.

"Uu.....nn?"

She opened her eyes while groaning.

Cheers rise.

The oracle that the Child of God Caroline spoke about and God's miracle that they witnessed.

The believers raised their voices of amazement as their reverence for Caroline exponentially rose.



Although I detoxified Sybil using the magic ball, some time has passed since she was captured, so she was sheltered by the Solon Church until she recovers.

Caroline won't come today anymore since I told her to sleep properly, so I returned to my mansion using my Warp Feather.

In my room inside my mansion.

As soon as we arrived, Hikari returned to her human form from her Demon Sword form.

Olivia was also materialized, she was carried by Hikari in her Chibi Dragon form.

I stroked that Hikari's head.

"You've done a great job Hikari, Olivia too"

"Ehehe~"

"Myu~, myu~~"

Chibi Dragon raised lovely cries, looking up at me while waving her tail.

"Otou-san, pat O-chan too"

"Olivia doesn't need it"

"Ehhh?! Why"

"Olivia really did great, so she would have a greater reward. Hikari, can you return Olivia to her human form?"

"——I see! Un, I got it～!"

Hikari seemed to be convinced. She put down Olivia on the ground and “Mumumumu～”, she charged her powers while taking a cute pose.

Soon after, Chibi Dragon’s body was enveloped by light, turning her back to her dragonkin form.

"I did it～"

"Good job, Hikari. I’ll be giving Olivia her reward now, so Hikari should go play somewhere"

"Un! See ya, O-chan～. Do your best～"

"Un"

After innocently cheering on Olivia, Hikari trotted out of the bedroom.

Olivia was left in my bedroom alone with me. She stared at me, looking upwards.

"....."

But she did not say anything.

The Dragon King Olivia, the king of the dragons who possess deep wisdom.

Although her appearance when she’s in her dragon form is full of dignity and might.

During these times, when she is just my woman, she would seem like a dog waiting for her master.

The loyal dog Olivia. She’s a dragon, but she’s as cute as a puppy.

That Olivia seems to become more and more lovable, but when I was thinking on how to cherish her.

Kon Kon

There was a knock on the door.

"Enter"

"Please excuse me.....Ah.....!"

The one who entered was Colaria in her maid uniform.

She's a maid that Rica left in my mansion. She's currently learning many things from Miu in my mansion.

She froze as soon as she entered my room.

"What's the matter?"

"....."

"Oi~, what's the matter, Colaria"

"—Ah! Yes, please excuse me. Miu-san told me to prepare the bed"

"As expected of Miu, she noticed huh. That's fine, but why are you staring at Olivia right now?"

"That is.....um....."

"Un?"

"The village I grew up as a child worships the Dragon God, so I couldn't help but feel nervous seeing the real Dragon God in front of me....."

"Dragon God?"

I tilted my head and looked at Olivia.

"I was being worshipped like that.human girl"

"Y-Yeash!"

Colaria flinched when Olivia talked to her.

I knew what just happened. The air Olivia had around her changed.

From the loyal dog Olivia who was wagging her tail, to the imposing Dragon King Olivia.

"I have watched human girl for a long time. It must also be fate for us to meet like this, so I shall give you one advice"

"W-W-W-W-W-What is it?"

"You seem to have learned everything you can from that beastkin girl, you should start thinking what is next after learning"

"N-Next after learning? What does that mean?"

"It is what the two humans who sent you to this mansion wishes"

"Ah.....!"

Colaria glanced at me, then looked away with a red face.

"Understood?"

"Yes!"

After Colaria nodded clearly to Olivia, she skilfully arranged the bed and left the bedroom.

We were left by ourselves. When there was only the two of us left, Olivia returned to her loyal dog mode again.

Just where did her imposing manner from earlier go? She's now wagging her tail, staring at me with sparkling eyes.

It was such a huge gap.....making her look even more lovelier.

"Olivia"

"Un!"

I pulled her into an embrace and gave her first a kiss.

After sucking her lips strongly, I said to her as her eyes turned feverish.

"Don't do anything"

"D-Don't.....?"

"That's right. Don't do anything. You've used a lot of your powers, so you can't stay in your human form for long right?"

"That is....."

"That's why, don't do anything. Just think of staying in your human form."

"Just focus....."

"The longer you can stay, that's how long I'll love you"

"——Un!"

Olivia looked doubtful and confused for an instant after hearing my order, but

the sparkle in her eyes returned as soon as she understood my intent.

After that, she completely relaxed her body.

While she was in her most comfortable position, with her body completely relaxed.

I carried her into my bed.

And made love with her for the whole night.

Chapter 278 – Rica's Trap

The morning light shone on my closed eyes.

In my morning daze, I feel someone's weight on top of me.

Is it Olivia? I thought for an instant, but it was too light for Olivia.

Then who.....? I thought, but I still couldn't think properly.

It's fine whoever it is, I should wake her up with a kiss first in the morning——

"Ow!"

Suddenly, I felt a sharp pain, as if my head was about to break.

The pain wasn't coming from outside but from the inside.

The intense pain made my mind clear instantly.

"Good morning~, Otou-san~"

A different thing made my mind clear.

It was Hikari who was on top of me.

Just like as she usually does, the world's cutest Hikari is lying on top of me.

"What's happened, Otou-san? Sleepy~?"

"N-No, I'm fine"

An uncomfortable sweat ran on my back.

The thing that I was about to do gave me cold sweat.

[You should be grateful of me]

I heard Eleanor's exasperated voice.

It was a bit too shocking, but she really saved me there.

While saying thanks to Eleanor, I looked at Hikari once again.

Hikari is showing her innocent and lovely smile as she sat on me, and as I expected Olivia——Chibi Dragon was beside her.

"She returned to Chibi Dragon huh"

"Un. I'm sorry, Otou-san. Hikari didn't do her best, so O-chan can't spend the first hour of the morning....."

"Don't mind it, Hikari. You should just grow at your own pace"

I reached out my hand and patted Hikari's head.

Feeling her head nodded, Hikari got rid of her sad expression and smiled.

Hikari, she's really the cutest in the world.

"Ah! Right. O-chan has a message"

"Message?"

"Myu~, myuu~"

Chibi Dragon cried.

A message although she's right there, huh.

"It was fun yesterday"

"That's the first self-declaration I heard from her!"

[This damn dragon, what is she making Hikari say]

"Myu~, myuu~"

"That tickles~, O-chan. Un, you're welcome"

Hikari and Chibi Dragon started to bond with each other while they're in top of me.

Just watching my beloved daughter and her buddy play makes me feel warm inside.

It was a wonderful sight that made me feel that today will be a good day.



I enveloped myself with my camouflage aura, and warped to Aion's church with Hikari in her Demon Sword form.

As soon as I arrived, I almost bumped into someone making me dodge in a hurry.

Looking around, there seems to be a commotion inside the church. The believers seem to be agitated, and scrambling around.

Within all of them, Caroline seemed to be praying without a care at all.

It was already a familiar sight. The others didn't look bothered by it as well.

The scrambling believers and the calm Caroline. Only the space around her seemed to be a different place.

However, what is happening? I thought. So I listened to the conversations of the believers around me.

"How did it go? Did you find her?"

"No, she wasn't in the south of the town"

"How about you?"

"She also wasn't in the place we caught her before"

"Damn.....where in the world did she go?"

[It looks like someone disappeared]

[Who is it? Carol-oneechan is over there, so.....]

We were full of questions, but we immediately found out.

"Anyways, let's search for her. It is an oracle given by Solon-sama to Caroline-sama. We cannot leave that person that Caroline-sama saved alone"

"Yeah"

"Alright!"

I could tell myself that my eyebrow twitched.

What they're talking about.....don't tell me.....

[It seems that woman named Sybil has run away]

[Ehhhh?!]

I continued to listen to the believers' conversations for a while.

It looks like Sybil went missing.

After bringing her back to town, Sybil who was sheltered by the church

disappeared as soon as she woke up.

On top of that, it wasn't only for once. They're saying that it's the second time now.

She's the woman that was saved after receiving an oracle from god, so the believers are desperately searching for her.

I silently left the church.

After taking enough distance where Caroline won't hear me, I removed my camouflage aura.

"Why is she running away?"

[Who knows. More importantly, what now?]

"Let's search for her. I can't leave her alone like this"

[But how?]

"That, I only need to heighten my hearing"

[Ne~, ne~, Otou-san. Maybe Hikari can tell]

"What do you mean, Hikari"

[O-chan told me~. She said that "it's easier to trace her using my magic powers"]

"Olivia's magic powers?"

"What does she mean?", I looked at Hikari in her Demon Sword form.

Hikari is a Demon Sword and Olivia, her familiar, is currently inside her.

[Un. O-chan said that there should be remnant magic powers when we found Sybil-oneechan. Hikari thinks she knows how to use it if it's O-chan's magic powers]

"Is that so?"

I looked at Eleanor this time.

[Umu. She should be able to. Not to mention magic powers, as long as she gets more familiar with her, Hikari should be able to tell even what she's saying. I can hear even now that Sandros is cursing at me]

“Kuku”, Eleanor laughed.

I see. They’re related in that way huh, the Demon Sword and its familiar.

Hmm, huh?

Something’s just bothering me with that now.....

[Ne~, ne~, Otou-san. Can Hikari search now?]

I was about to give it a thought, but my thoughts were interrupted by Hikari’s voice.

Hearing Hikari asking for something makes me want to grant it whatever it is, and even more since it’s something needed to be done.

[This doting parent]

I completely ignored Eleanor’s teasing and placed my hand on Hikari’s hilt.

"I’m counting on you, Hikari"

[Un! Mumumumu~.....]

Hikari braced her self and after a while.

[I found her~!]

Hikari exclaimed. She sounded so cute.

"You know where she is?"

[Un! I’ll teach Otou-san where okay~]

"Teach me.....? Ohh, whereabouts are appearing inside my head"

[Get it~?]

"It’s perfect. Good job Hikari"

[Ehehe~.....]

I stroked Hikari’s hilt and walked to the place that was directly sent to my head.

From the crowded streets, I entered the back alley and took many turns.

I found Sybil there.

She seems to be completely exhausted. She was sitting on the ground while resting her back on a building's wall.

"You're here"

"Ah.....!"

Sybil quickly stood up and tried to run.

She clearly looked unwell, her steps unsteady as if she would collapse anytime.

I caught up to her just by simply walking and grabbed her arm.

"Let go, please let go——"

"Calm down. I'm not from the church"

"——eh?"

"I won't bring you back to them, so don't worry"

".....You're lying. Why would someone who isn't from the church knows about me and them"

That's reasonable.

"That is——"

"I heard a voice over here!"

"It's a woman's voice!"

"——っ!"

Sybil swallowed her breath while her body stiffened.

The instant when I was about to make up an excuse that would make her convinced, it looks like those guys from the church found this place.

It's fine handing her over to them, but.....that way, she would just run away.

"Yosh"

I released my camouflage aura and enveloped myself along with Sybil.

"W-We need to leave.....let go of my hand, please"

"It's okay"

"It's not okay. The people from the church are——ahh!"

Sybil raised a scream-like voice.

It's because the church's believers appeared from the corner.

"We're found", she looked down in resignation while her body got even tenser.

"She's not here"

"I heard her voice over here. She might've escaped through there"

The believers said and ran away passing in front of us.

".....huh?"

Sybil was surprised. She looked like she can't understand what just happened.

"W-What just happened?"

"I hid our appearance using something like magic"

"Magic....."



We sat down together in the back alley while enveloped by my camouflage aura.

I made Sybil sit down first because she really looks like she'll collapse anytime.

"Uhm.....thank you, very much"

"It's nothing. More importantly, why are you running away from the church?"

".....it's not like I'm running away from them"

After staring at me for a while, Sybil said. Did she think that she could trust me even for a little?

"But, I really need to return as soon as possible"

"Return?"

"Yes, everyone is waiting for me. I need to go back to where the children are and teach them"

"It's not something to hurry——"

"It is! The time during their childhood is more important than after when they grow up. I cannot waste time for those children who wish to learn!"

Sybil exclaimed.

It's not like I can't understand what she's saying, but.....

"Rather than that, why are you doing it by yourself? I heard that you are using your own wealth to do that"

".....it's that"

"That?"

What does she mean?

"My situation, it's started to go around in rumors right"

"Ahh, rather than rumor's it's——"

"I know, I know that this isn't something that can be done by an individual. I've been wanting to ask Her Majesty the Queen about it a few years now, but I would be rejected by her aides, unable to borrow Her Majesty the Queen's ears"

[It should be the time when those eunuchs were around]

"I see, you were completely obstructed by them huh"

"Yes, that's why I can only do it myself. And now that there are rumors about this weird person using her wealth to teach in villagers, that rumor might someday reach Her Majesty the Queen's ears, it might be better than using the orthodox method"

"I see"

"If someday, Her Majesty could lend her ear....."

"I'll make her"

"Eh?"

Sybil was surprised. I stood up and placed a hand on her shoulder while she looked at me questioningly.

I opened my Different Dimension Warehouse, took out my Warp Feather, and

warped to the palace in Meteora.

Instantly, from the dirty back alley, we arrived at a luxurious room almost equal to paradise on earth.

It's the queen's room.

"T-This place is?"

"Hey~, Rica"

"Eh?"

Sybil was surprised once again. I just left her there and headed to the center of the room where Rica is sitting with a table in front of her.

She was looking through papers stacked up in front of her, looking like she's in the middle of a decision.

"You came"

"I did. I brought her with me while I'm at it"

I pointed at Sybil who looked dumbfounded.

Rica stood up and walked towards Sybil.

"You are?"

"M-Me?! Ahh!!"

Sybil screamed and quickly stood up.

She hurriedly fixed her posture and named herself to Rica.

"I am Sybil Crass. T-There is something I wish Her Majesty the Queen to listen to"

"Is that so"

Rica looked at Sybil. She then looked at me, then returned her eyes to Sybil again.

"Although I do not understand what is going on, you are someone brought to me by Lord Yuuki. I shall bear listen to you"

"I-It is my greatest honor!"

Sybil quickly bowed her head.

After she finished bowing, Sybil's face as she looked at me was full of gratitude.

"She got me"

[Hoe～?]

[The way she did it is really befitting of the master of the Rose Garden]

Eleanor laughed mischievously.

Rica expected that this would happen, doing it in a way that Sybil would direct her thankfulness to me.

Rica, the master of the Rose Garden.

A woman who made her own harem, doing many things to make it as mine.

Chapter 279 – The Queen of the World

"If possible, I want all of the children taught to read and write, and how to use simple math"

Sybil said nervously in front of Queen Rica.

Her voice is slightly high pitch, and her face is stiff.

On the other hand, Rica showed a strong dignity. She's in her queen style that gives a lot of pressure.

"Why?"

"Eh?"

"Why do you plan such a thing?"

"P-Please forgive me for my rudeness. Does Her Majesty know the situation of farm villages? There would be announcements, but there is the need for those of the few people who can read and write to explain what is said to all of the villagers. In the worst places, there would not even be one who could do so. It is common for them to wait for travelers to understand anything"

"Is that bad?"

Rica asked back. Her face looked like she's acting dumb.

"The decree of the kingdom shall not be spread thoroughly. Not to mention those of which possess high urgency, if there are only a few people who could read, the details of the official notices shall become obscure the more it passes on to other people except for the ones who could actually read it. As the information is passed from a person to another, the true meaning will gradually be lost"

Sybil passionately spoke about the reason why she wants to spread education, teach everyone how to read and write.

She was nervous at first, but she gradually relieved herself of that tension, until her tone towards Rica became vigorous.

[She seems very enthusiastic]

"If she isn't, then she probably couldn't have done what she did. Things like using her own wealth and roaming around many villages"

[Studying, it's important after all~]

Her speech continued for almost an hour.

After that, Rica who was listening to her quietly said.

"I understand the gist of what you are trying to say. It is, however, difficult"

"W-Why is that?"

"Manpower, and boxes"

Rica raised two of her fingers in a graceful way.

"The reason you were driven to use your own wealth was to acquire a place to teach the children. And the reason why you were forced to roam around yourself is because there were too few people who are able to teach"

"Yes....."

"It is not simple to resolve such difficulty"

"I-If it is Her Majesty's powers!"

Sybil shouted, but Rica remained unperturbed.

"A sovereign is not a god. There is a limit to one's authority in giving commands to all nobles"

".....such distinguished people do not wish to cast off their monopoly of knowledge"

"Correct. The higher the rank of a noble, the more they believe that knowledge is wealth"

Sybil was dejected by Rica's answer.

She looked as if she just realized that it was useless, even if she directly appealed to Calamba's queen.

"Lord Yuuki"

"Mn?"

"What do you think?"

"About the nobles? It should work out somehow, if you really forced an order to them"

"Umu, it needs one to have a resolve to see it through no matter the results once it began. If only there were another way"

"Now that you've mentioned it....."

I recalled something.

Speaking of schools in the feudal era, as a Japanese, I could only think of that.

"There is something called a temple school"

"Temple school?"

"Yeah. It's an institution that teaches children how to read and write just like what she said. Its name was coined because they are situated in temples, with monks who can read scriptures as teachers"

"Monks and scriptures"

"Over here, I think it's the Solon Church"

"I see, that reminds me, the Solon Church have built their churches in many places. In recent years, their activities have even spread thanks to the endeavors of Saint Melissa"

"The church....."

Sybil whispered with a stunned expression.

She looked like she had never thought of that.

Just like temple schools, if she was able to make use of churches, the problem with the location and manpower could be solved.

"However, it must be even more complicated with the church. After all, they would not take actions. Well, unless it is an oracle from god"

"Yes....."

Sybil became even more crestfallen.

I hesitated whether to interrupt.

I can't understand Rica's intent at all.

Although I can make up "god's voice" through Caroline, it is strange for me to tell Sybil it'll be guaranteed.

Having said that, if it was only taking action, Rica could've just act me to do it. There wasn't any need to take Sybil here like this.

I couldn't read her intent at that part, so I could only watch for some more.

"It is not that, there is no other way"

"What is it?!"

Sybil quickly asked back to Rica.

"The Child of God. Do you know the rumors about her?"

"N-No....."

"A girl who suddenly descended into the Solon Church. A true child of god who can hear god's voice. No, it is said that she can speak with god"

"S-Such a person exists?!"

"She is very particular and it is difficult to even have a talk with her, but if your voice reaches god, then maybe....."

"W-Where is that Child of God?"

"Her name is Caroline and she is in Aion"

"Ehhhhhhh?!"

Sybil raised her voice as if to scream

"Aion.....? Then, the one who saved me....."

"Do you already have a connection with her?"

"I-It is not something exaggerated as a connection. I just had my life saved"

"That should be enough"

"Aion.....the Child of God....."

Sybil's eyes changed as she whispered.

They looked as if they were brimming with the intent saying "I'll definitely get

her to listen!".



After that, Sybil collapsed again.

It looks like she was still fatigued, so after exhausting herself in trying to convince Rica, she finally collapsed.

Leaving her to rest, I was left alone with Rica.

In the audience chamber, Rica sat on the throne.

Compared to when she was talking to Sybil, her expression and tone returned to a feminine one.

"What are you planning?"

"I thought of it when Kakeru brought the Child of God here. I thought that I could use her"

"You're planning to spread education to the whole kingdom?"

"It's to the whole world"

Rica said without hesitation.

"What I spoke with her isn't a lie. I am bothered that knowledge is being monopolized by only some people. In recent years, business activities have been thriving and the demand for reading and writing documents has increased. However, that is only an oligopoly by nobles and merchants. Most people do not have the means to learn"

"That's why the Solon Church huh"

"That's right. If they use teaching people how to read and write as a bait, the speed that they accumulate believers will increase exponentially compared to now. And for the Solon Church, it is something that does not have any demerits. However, even now, they still do not do so. Not only that, they are even allowing their Saintess to do physical labor"

[Physical labor huh, that simply describe what that Immortal Saintess is doing]

"That's why I decided to get the church involved. No matter how you think of it, increasing the chances of learning would increase the power of the kingdom

as a result. The people can be saved from the prison of being uneducated"

"I see"

"And, all of that is me as a queen"

"Mn?"

"What do you mean", I looked at her again. Rica is smiling gracefully on her throne.

"I gave it a thought, and realized that the "good women" that Kakeru speaks about, it would not show without a certain level of education. By using Sybil to get Solon Church involved, making education spread throughout the world, I'll be able to find even more "good women" that Kakeru would like. That is me as the "Master of the Rose Garden""

It made me feel awed, it really did.

Within my women, Rica is the most active when it comes to pushing other women onto me.

She gathered good women from all over her kingdom calling it the queen's harem, and now, she is making the Rose Garden that is essentially mine grow even further. She wants it to spread all over the world.

I was awed by the scale.

[For the moment, she should be the Child of God of Kakeru Church]

Eleanor teased. However, it was exactly like that.

The level of what Rica is doing is already that far.

"If I make the Child of God do it, their believers would grow exponentially, making her the next pope—Kakeru?"

Rica looked surprised. It's because I didn't say anything, yet I carried her to an embrace.

I picked up the queen from her throne, slowly went towards the door, and go out into a wide corridor.

The soldiers nor the servants didn't stop us. Rica herself isn't even trying to hide it, so everyone in the palace knows who is the real ruler.

I advanced through the corridor while carrying her.

Rica immediately understood what I wanted to do.

"Hey, Kakeru. There's this girl that is doing her best recently. Although she's cold, she is really talented, and she really considers the mind of the people, so Kakeru——"

"It's only you today"

"——eh?"

"Queen on a world scale. I only want you for today"

I said as I stared straight into her eyes.

"Kakeru....."

Her feverish eyes, her aroused gasps, and suffocating sweet scent

I brought her to her bedroom, and just like how I did it with Olivia, I took my time without letting her feel any strain. I used the whole night to cherish her lovingly.

Chapter 280 – Temple School System

"Ah.....! This is the place yesterday....."

After we warped, Sybil looked around with a surprised expression.

The place we are right now is the dirty back alley we were in before I brought her to Meteora.

It's exactly the same place.

"You.....who are you really....."

"Don't worry about that. More importantly, go to the church. You should achieve your ideals there"

"Y-Yes!"

Sybil quickly ran, but she suddenly stopped and looked towards my direction.

"Uhm, thank you very much!"

She bowed her head deeply with her hands together.

I saw her off like that.

[Was it alright, leaving her like this]

"Un?"

[I'm asking if it's alright for you not making love with her. You liked her right?]

"Maybe someday. She's currently occupied by her ideals, so she probably doesn't have time for that"

[I see]

"Rather than that, let's go ahead of her. I should talk with Caroline first"

I enveloped myself with my camouflage aura to turn myself invisible and warped to the church.

The atmosphere in the church seemed somewhat heavy.

Other than Caroline, all of the believers present there had a depressing look.

[It's probably because they couldn't find Sybil]

I guessed so.

"If that's the case.....", I thought and left the believers alone. I talked to Caroline.

【Caroline】

"God!"

Caroline's reaction stirred the believers.

【Sybil shall return soon, listen to what she says】

"Understood. She's returning huh"

The believers got even more stirred.

Soon after, the church's door opened.

Sybil appeared seemingly out of breath.

Caroline who heard my words stood up and worked towards Sybil.

"You are.....the Child of God....."

"Let me listen to you"

There was no preface or anything, it can be described imply as just being sudden.

As she was told, Caroline immediately started "listening" to Sybil.

Sybil started to speak while out of breath.

She explained everything, about the children needing education, and what is needed to do that.

Caroline listened to her without any expression.

[She's probably thinking child education doesn't really matter]

"Kukuku", Eleanor laughed.

On the other side, the other believers had skeptical looks.

"What does that have anything to do with us" was written on their faces.

Caroline did not say anything from start to end. She simply listened to her without even returning a reply.

"U-Uhm....."

"Are you finished?"

"Eh?"

"Are you finished?"

"U-Un....."

"I see"

Caroline turned around and returned to her usual place.

"Uhm.....Child of God?"

"....."

Ignoring the surprised Sybil, Caroline returned to her previous place.

[You only told her to listen after all]

"I see." I thought after hearing Eleanor.

It would be better if Caroline voluntarily judged that she should accept Sybil's suggestion, but I guess it can't be helped.

【Caroline】

"Yes, God"

【You have listened to her plea. You should lend her a hand】

"Okay. What should I do?"

【Repeat my words so that the others could hear. Firstly——】

I explained the temple teaching system and used Caroline's voice to spread it to the other believers.

The church would be used as a place to teach children how to read and write.

Believers would go and teach to places where there are no churches.

I explained that briefly.

Soon after, there were voices raised among the believers.

"It's fine teaching children in the churches, but going to villages that do not have a church is....."

"We have no resources to....."

"But it's an oracle from God.....we need to do something"

【Do not worry Caroline. There will be a donation from nobles from Calamba soon】

"There will be donations from nobles"

The believers were stirred. Some of them started saying that it would be possible in that case.

I glanced at Sybil.

She was the initiator, but she was completely left out. However, is it because she understands the situation? Her eyes and expression were filled with hope.

This should be enough for the oracle part.

The only thing left to do is for a noble (me) to donate. I could just leave it all to the church's connections.

"This should be enough"—but when I was thinking of that.

"You were here huh"

Three delinquents entered the church arrogantly.

Most of the people inside the church—the believers looked at them like “who?”, but Sybil was an exception. Her face looks stiff.

"We've been searchin' for ya Sybil-san, hmm? It's useless even if you run to the church"

"Lil missy, the games over ya get it?"

"Someone's gettin' annoyed if you do that ya know? We told ya this lotta times"

Although they spoke in a friendly tone, anyone could see that they were threatening her.

Sybil looked frightened, she was even trembling.

"Y-You can't. The children——"

"Hmmm?? What did ya just say?"

One man approached and kicked a chair near her. It's a classic way to threat someone.

Sybil flinched and shrank.

I did not say anything and shot Eleanor's dark lightning.

The dark lightning fell to the three men, instantly turning them into burnt ashes.

Everyone was stunned by what just happened. That includes all of the believers and Sybil.

There was only one who reacted.

"That was.....God"

It's Caroline.

A girl who possesses a peculiar constitution, being able to hear me even while I'm enveloped by my camouflage aura.

"It was God?"

"That means——it must be divine punishment"

"Now that you mentioned it, it was different from ordinary lightning"

The believers were even more stirred.

Just as planned.

I shot lightning and didn't use Eleanor to slash directly at them because it makes it look more like a divine punishment.

As expected, the believers recognized it as a divine punishment.



The developments were quick after that.

With the oracle heard from the Child of God, the Solon Church started to

teach children how to read and write starting from the town of Ainon.

Some powers—the wealthy people holding vested interests resisted, but the believers who were taking action in god's words could not be stopped.

Some of them even tried to pressure the upper echelons of the church, but as a result of teaching people how to read and write in places where churches do not exist, not only the children who were being taught who were filled with hope, even their parents were looking forward to the future. The cases of whole families would convert into the religion occurred at a large scale, so the influence of the Solon Church had spread even to places their teachings did not reach before.

Because of that, the upper echelons of the church lost any reason to stop what was happening, and as all of that happened, even churches from other towns, unrelated to Caroline or the town of Ainon, started doing the same actions.

The church schools that made advantage of the church—the temple teaching system spread at an unbelievable momentum throughout the world.

During all of that.

The pope silently rested in peace.

The actions to gain the position of the next pope began to become heated.

Chapter 281 – The Love of God

The moonlight that passes through the window shines on Helene on top of the bed.

The corner of her lips was slightly raised as she laid on her side. Her eyes that was gently closed made me receive a tender impression.

Helene smiled as if she had obtained all happiness she could in this world and whispered in her sleep.

"Kakeru-sama....."

Seeing that, I kissed her on the cheek, and after pulling the blanket up to her shoulder, I gave her another kiss.

I got off the bed and went to the veranda after wearing my clothes.

I looked up at the sky full of stars with the moon brightly shining at its fullest.

[What's the matter?]

"Mn?"

I suddenly heard Eleanor's voice. I tilted my head and asked back.

"What do you mean what's the matter"

[You look like you haven't had enough]

".....haven't had enough? Of what?"

[Do you really think you can hide it from me? Mm? The current you.....let me see.....I should describe you as a balloon that is about to pop]

"....."

I fell into silence.

Although I was annoyed how Eleanor found out about it, she got it right.

I haven't had enough. That's right, it's not enough at all.

I was making love with Helene just a moment ago.

She is a good woman. One of the most beautiful in this world, but that's not all. She is a woman who does not have an ounce of arrogance despite being talented and having a high stature.

Such a great woman was warming my bed just a moment ago.

But, it's not enough.

I haven't done enough or got done enough at all.

And Eleanor could see that.

[The original reason you decided to create a harem is to not break your own women because of your 777x libido. Considering that, it could be said that you have endured for long enough]

"It's not like it's to the extent of enduring. There are Olivia and Melissa as well. There are plenty of good women around me. It is enou—"

[And? In truth?]

".....can you at least let me put on a bold front"

I cursed at Eleanor.

Although it's just all talk, I couldn't bear Eleanor pointing it out.

[Maybe you should call another. Or would you like me to accompany you?]

"It's a bit different today. I don't believe it can be relieved if I use you to hit things around. Although it's about getting excited all the same, there are times where I would need to do this one thing"

[Humans are such difficult existences]

"Hearing that from you, it really doesn't sound like a joke"

[You should consider going out for a walk?]

".....alright"

I opened my Different Dimension Warehouse and took out my Warp Feather.

The walk that Eleanor is talking about is of course, not in a literal way.

She means, go find a woman to sleep with.

I warped using the Warp Feather.

To Miu's place, to Nana's place, to Io's place, to Iris's place.....

I warped one next to the other in the order of the nearest woman to my mansion.

The timing wasn't great for everyone.

They would be not somewhere they would usually be, awake this late training, or working.

It can't be helped for the once who are not around. For those who are doing something, I didn't bother them and left silently.

I don't want to be on their way.

I don't want to get on the way of my good women for what they're doing.

[Getting stubborn?]

"I'm not. I just feel that it's a waste peeling the fruit open when they're not ripe yet"

I don't know whether that's a good way to say it, but it's what I truly feel.

The good women are becoming even more of a good woman. I don't like getting on their way during that.

Even if it's just like tonight when I'm feeling so aroused.

[You've completely become a gourmet]

"I won't deny that"

[When it comes to this, you should go and rent a whole brothel]

"That may be the easiest way"

While chatting with Eleanor, I warped to places one next to the other. In the end, I came to Aion.

Inside the Aion's church, Caroline is offering her prayers under the moonlight.

But that's not all. There are also other believers.

Looking closely, they were all women wearing religious habits. Church schools are being opened in many places, so the men are out to teach.

Compared to Caroline who was silently praying, the other women were casually chatting.

"How envious~, I want to hear God's voice too~"

"Hey~, how do you think God's voice sound?"

"It should sound absolutely amazing. It's God's voice after all"

"Even so, she's so enviable. All of us have offered our purity to god. But we still can't hear him"

"Well, of course you can't, since you're not even praying as much as the Child of God. Look at her"

The women looked at Caroline at once.

She even looks divine as she was praying silently.

"You need to pray that much"

"I-I.....if God can really notice me, I'll do that much....."

"Duh, all of us would if it was possible"

"I second that"

"Me too, me too"

"I didn't mean that, I'm saying that the Child of God would still be like that even if she couldn't"

All of them looked at Caroline once again and sighed at once.

[Kukuku, isn't this such a good opportunity?]

Eh?

[First and foremost, nuns are women who protect their chastity because they have devoted themselves to their god. Taking that into account, all of these women belong to god]

Eleanor emphasized "god".

God.

During the recent series of events, I played as a god through Caroline.

The “god” Eleanor is talking about is definitely me.

She’s telling me to douse these flames that I’m feeling using these nuns.

I look at the women.

Although all of them aren’t speaking, with a glance, I could tell that there’s twenty of them who are participating in the discussion.

There are cute ones, beautiful ones, strong-minded ones, and shy ones.

There were many types.

【.....Caroline】

"God!"

【Tell everyone. I shall take all of those who are present at this moment away】

"Okay"

Caroline told the nuns my words.

Some of them clearly showed eyes full of “expectations” because of god’s words came soon after “what” they spoke about.

I took the girls away, warping using my Warp Feather.

We arrived at the Rose Garden. A place that Rica prepared and told me I could use it anytime I want.

It’s a place where no one would get on the way. A place seemingly separated from the secular world.

In that place, I used a whole day.

As I hid my appearance with my aura.

I slept with twenty faithful nuns as if to test their faith.

Chapter 282 – Rose and Lily

In Meteora's palace, in the Rose Garden.

The Rose Garden is named with two meanings.

One is well-known. It is Queen Rica's harem's other name.

And the other one was literally where the name came from, a garden of roses.

Glass surrounds the whole garden and within that giant glass box, you could see blooming roses of various colors.

I am sitting in the pavilion within that garden as Rica leaned her body to mine.

She did not show her air as a queen, she leaned her body to me with the air of a bewitching woman.

Both of us are wearing clothes. From the side, we probably look like a flirting couple.

"Sorry for that, coming so suddenly to borrow a room"

"It's okay. I told you, right? This is Kakeru's harem. But I was surprised"

Rica giggled. She is wearing a pleasant smile.

"I was surprised when I came to take a look. It was an unbelievable sight even though I couldn't see Kakeru's appearance. It's as if they're being played by an invisible man"

"It's supposed to be "by the grace of god" after all"

"It was fun watching though after I calmed down"

"It was probably a surreal scene"

I could see myself, so I could see myself sleeping with the nuns as usual, but it probably looked different for other people.

It's exactly like Rica said, as if an invisible man was playing tricks on them. I could easily imagine how surreal it was.

"If people continue to believe the Child of God's oracle just like that, it's not

impossible for her to become the pope"

"I wonder how it would actually go. Though I think she has a good chance"

"Let me see....."

Rica thought for a second and raised her right hand.

She raised to finger and made a pulling gesture. Soon after, a young girl entered the Rose Garden.

"Did you call for me, Onee-sama"

"Onee-sama?"

"Her stature is a bit special. Alice, introduce yourself to Kakeru"

"Yes. It is an honor to meet you, Kakeru-sama. My name is Alice Annis"

"Alice huh"

[Hou]

"What's the matter Eleanor? Why'd you suddenly speak?"

When I asked her that, I could feel Eleanor rolling her eyes.

[Of course I know. I know that you do not remember anything]

"Don't remember?"

I looked at Alice.

She has a chestnut-colored wavy hair and has a beauty that could be described as young yet strict.

She's definitely a beautiful girl, one that I'd never forget if I met her once.

"I've never met her before"

[Annis]

"Annis?"

[See. You don't remember after all]

But when I was tilting my head like "what do you mean?" about what Eleanor said.

"Therios, Annis, Gate. Those are the names of the three noble families that tried to carry out the Three Lords Regency in Aegina"

"Now that you mentioned it, that happened"

It means that it's a man's name. No wonder I can't remember anything.

".....since she has the name Annis"

"Yes, when Duke Annis came to ask for help, I took Alice in return to giving some assistance"

"I see"

A hostage huh.

I looked at Alice once again.

Her nature is similar to that of Colaria, the type that Rica likes.

I understood that she is also one of the roses.

"Alice. Report to Kakeru what I made you investigate"

"Understood. I shall start to report, Kakeru-sama"

Alice looked at me, she even adjusted her posture so that she would be looking straight at me.

I thought that she's a diligent girl.

"I surveyed the approval rating of the Solon Church believers for the next candidate to be the pope within this kingdom"

"You made her investigate that?"

"I thought that it might be necessary"

"The one on the top is the God of Child, with a high rating of 50%. Next is the Immortal Saint Melissa with 20%. And next would be——"

I listened to Alice's report.

Caroline is in an overwhelming advantage and following her is Melissa. There were others, but you could say that they aren't much at all.

"The approval rate for Caroline is overwhelming for those who are married,

and oppositely, for those who are single——especially men, Melissa's ratings have reached 40%"

"Those who are being helped by the schools are those people who have children after all"

"What about the other four kingdoms?"

Rica asked Alice.

"The ones who went to survey has yet to return. They should be able to, after a few days"

".....that survey, how much result will it have?"

"What do you mean, Kakeru?"

"Some guy came to invite Melissa to become the pope. He sounded as if he has absolute confidence she would become the pope if she agreed to become a candidate"

[You don't even remember the man's name yet you remember that]

Eleanor said in sarcasm.

It's about Melissa after all.

"That happened?"

"Yeah"

"I'll try to investigate it"

"I'll leave it to you"

I gave Rica a short kiss on her lips.

Seeing that, Alice blushed and her body flinched.

Was she frightened seeing that now?

"You heard him. Alice, go and immediately investigate about that matter"

"....."

"Alice?"

Rica tilted her head.

Even after receiving an order, Alice did not move to take action. She bit her lip and held her skirt tightly.

Eventually, Alice said with a resolute expression.

"Onee-sama! P-Please let me, r-receive Kakeru-sama's affection as well!"

[Kukuku, this is the first time I saw a girl begging to warm your bed so desperately]

It's the same with me.

I have seen someone mustering all the courage they have, but Alice was not like that.

She mustered her courage and asked for it, because she's going to it anyways as her duty.

Rica correctly understood that.

"No"

"W-Why.....?"

"There is no way I can give Alice to Kakeru right now"

".....am I unqualified?"

"Yes. You are not, with the way you are right now"

".....understood"

Alice drooped her shoulders and dispiritedly left the glass garden.



Alice dispiritedly left the Rose Garden.

"It shouldn't have been like this....."

She was rejected, she was dejected, and she could feel a greater fear.

Although the Rose Garden is Rica's harem externally, she had told all of them.

The owner of this harem is the Demon Sword Wielder, Yuuki Kakeru.

She said that the reason that it was made is to gather women for Kakeru.

It is not rare for the legal wife to manage the concubines. Alice felt nothing

wrong with it.

And she also understands the most prioritized thing she must do.

It is to sleep with Kakeru.

No matter what was actually had been said, it is true that the reason she came here is to become a hostage—at the least, that's what Alice thinks.

That is why she also thinks that the thing that Rica wants her to do, warming Kakeru's bed, is the most important job for her.

She is not mistaken. Looking at the other women, it is no doubt that Rica actively offers them to Kakeru to catch his attention.

Rica is pleased when Kakeru is satisfied. That pattern is correct without an ounce of doubt.

That is why Alice brought it up herself, she wanted him to take her.

But Rica refused.

"Why" and "what should I do".

Those two thoughts were circling within Alice's mind.

"Alice"

"Eh.....O-Onee-sama"

Hearing her name being called, Alice looked over and was shocked.

Rica, she left the Rose Garden to chase after her.

"I-Is there anything else I can do?"

"My words weren't enough"

"Eh?"

"I'm not being mean to you. It feels that, it's a waste"

"A waste?"

"I mean that it's a waste if you sleep with Kakeru due to obligation, while not falling for him. Alice doesn't love Kakeru yet right?"

"T-That is....."

"It's fine. There's only one thing I should tell you"

Rica reached out her hand and touched Alice's cheek.

"You don't need to push yourself. Just watch Kakeru with your eyes. By doing that, you would naturally fall for him. You should sleep with Kakeru when that happens. You will then experience the greatest joy"

"T-The greatest....."

"After all, I really want Alice to be happy"

"....."

"Now then. I'll count on you to investigate that case okay"

After saying that, Rica turned around and returned to the Rose Garden.

Alice blushed and touched the place where Rica's finger touched, the place where she could feel a lingering feeling.

"Onee.....sama....."

She whispered as her cheeks blushed red.

What she stared at was the master of the Rose Garden.

Rica did not know.

Those words that she said with goodwill after she caught up to Alice.

"Onee-sama....."

It made Alice breathe out a longing sigh, making her distance to Kakeru a bit farther.

Rica has yet to realize that at this moment.

Chapter 283 – Kidnapping Cancel

I returned to the room I brought the nuns to.

All of the women that I slept with, all twenty of them are still unconscious.

Their appearance and attires returned to how it was before.

While they passed out, the palace's maids cleaned their body and dressed them up.

That's why they returned to how they looked before.

[A lottery ticket has dropped]

"Yeah"

I nodded and approached the women I made love with.

They're women who I had sex with for the first time, so there are lottery tickets that dropped. I picked them up and there was just exactly twenty of them.

I kept it in my Different Dimension Warehouse and took out my Warp Feather.

I enveloped everyone with my camouflage aura and warped to Aion's church.

The church seemed emptier than usual.

The men were out to teach and the women I brought had just returned.

Instead, there was an unexpected person.

"Hikari"

It was Hikari who was there.

She hugged Chibi Dragon on top of her lap and swung her feet as she sat on the church bench.

She looked super cute—it would definitely win best picture awards if I captured this moment with a photo.

However, Hikari did not react when I called out to her.

[You're being too much of a doting parent. Hikari can't see you if you don't remove the aura]

"Now that you've mentioned that"

The camouflage aura uses Eleanor's powers.

It is impossible for someone to see through it unless they have equal or greater power than Eleanor.

Although they are mother and daughter, that is not an exception.

And Hikari has yet to reach Eleanor's level, so naturally, she can't see through it.

I removed my camouflage aura and called out to Hikari once again.

"Hikari"

"Otou-san. I thought I'd meet you if I wait here"

"You were waiting for me?"

"Un! I came to play here with O-chan, so I was waiting for Otou-san"

"Is that so"

It should be an unimaginable journey when you think of how young Hikari looks.

There is a long distance between my mansion in Reiusu and this Ainon. It's not at a distance where children to casually come and go.

But when I was thinking of that, Chibi Dragon cried "myu~, myu~.

"I came riding on O-chan's back"

"I see~"

I imagined that scene and patted Hikari's head.

After our journey to the past, Hikari learned to return Chibi Dragon to her original form, the Dragon King Olivia.

The dragon that is Olivia's true form.

I've seen Hikari riding on her back or hanging by her neck many times.

When you think of how fast Olivia flies, it could be said that it is at a casual distance instead.

And that Olivia——Chibi Dragon looks a little different than usual.

She's not naked, but wearing clothes.

She's wearing clothes while she's Chibi Dragon.

It seemed like how a dog would wear clothes too.

"You know~, O-chan said she wanted to come wearing western-style clothes~. How does it look, Otou-san"

"Of course, very cute~"

[Hey, patting Hikari after what you said is weird]

Eleanor pointed that out, but I ignored her as usual.

After I patted Hikari's head for a while.

"Now then, I should go meet Caroline"

"Hikari will come too~"

I held hands with Hikari and went deeper inside the church.

I headed straight to Caroline's room and knocked on the door.

There was no reaction.

"I wonder if Onee-chan is sleeping~"

"Who knows.....I'm coming in Caroline"

I opened the door after saying that.

What I saw as an unexpected scene.

There was a gaping hole in the space in the middle of the room.

On the other side of the hole as a space where only darkness exists, but I saw Caroline inside that hole.

"Caro——"

I reached out my hand, but it was too late. The hole that swallowed Caroline was closed entirely.

"Hikari!"

"Un!"

Hikari returned Chibi Dragon inside of her and turned to a Demon Sword.

"Eleanor, let's go!"

[Umu!]

After that short exchange, I threw Eleanor using my full power.

My full power and strength, enough power to break through the bounds of space.

That full force that I once did in the world of the past.

After I threw Eleanor, her blade pierced through space and opened a hole.

I didn't hesitate. I held Hikari's hilt tightly and jumped into the hole.

The hole that I made immediately closed.

Arriving at that place, it seemed to be very similar to the one I was shut in together with Eleanor. A space within a different dimension.

I saw Eleanor there, as well as Caroline.

I picked up Eleanor and approached the frightened Caroline.

"Caroline"

"God!"

She clung to me.

Her hand, her body. They were trembling. It looks like she was frightened by the sudden event.

"It's alright now, Caroline"

"Yes, God....."

"For the meantime, let's get out of here. Let's do it one more time, Eleanor"

[It seems like someone does not plan on letting us return easily]

After Eleanor finished talking, a few silhouettes appeared as if they melted out of space.

I've seen this before.

It's the same form with that evil being that lent a hand to Aegina's Crown Prince Kimon as well as created troubles in Calamba and Siracuza.

The air around them is similar as well. There should be no doubt that they are of the same race.

But they suddenly attacked!

I vertically swung Eleanor and chopped the nearest one who charged in halves.

One half remained standing and the other half collapsed.

Another one quickly followed in attacking. I also swung Eleanor and chopped the enemy.

It did not and there. They continuously attacked. I pulled Caroline into an embrace and killed them one by one while protecting her.

There are only several dozens of them. I can wipe them out in a few minutes.

[It seems that it would not be that easy]

"What?"

[Look over there]

I looked at the direction Eleanor pointed.

The first one I cut in halves started to regenerate.

Its body that was split by two stuck together and attacked me again.

I chopped its head and burned its remains with flames.

However, it revived after a while.

"These guys are so similar to Opis"

[It is a bit different. They are regenerating themselves using this space's power]

".....it's true, I could feel the powers flowing that way"

[They seem to regenerate at the same sense as humans breathe air. Air does not disappear just by mere humans breathing them in. As long as they are in this place, it is impossible to annihilate them]

[W-What should we do?]

"The one who escapes wins. Let's open another hole"

The instant I said that, the enemies seemed to understand my intent. They increased the speed they're attacking.

Although I defeated them one next to the other just the same, the speed they regenerate is quite fast. I can't "charge up" to throw Eleanor with my full strength, one that is powerful enough to open a hole through space.

That action takes some time even for me. An attack that could break the dimensional walls, it needs more than just my full power—in short, it requires me to break my limits.

I can't do that when I'm continuously being attacked.

[Otouto-san, leave it to Hikari]

"Hikari? What are you going to do?"

[Hikari has a plan, is it okay?]

"Alright. I'll be counting on you, Hikari"

I didn't think longer than a second and entrusted it to Hikari.

Although Hikari is the cutest in the world, she isn't just a cute girl.

She is the Demon Sword Hikari. A Demon Sword that possesses Eleanor's bloodline, one of the world's most powerful swords.

I trust that Hikari. Since she has a plan, then I can leave it to her.

[Mumumumu～.....Eii～!]

After she made that adorable battle cry, Hikari's blade released a light, creating numerous clones of her.

It was like how Eleanor did it before, the Demon Sword clones.

Demon Swords with the same number of enemies appeared above the evil beings, then fell at once.

All of them were pierced by the Demon Swords, temporarily incapacitating them.

[Now's the time! Do it!]

"Right!"

I charged my strength to my arm and threw Eleanor.

All of my powers and strength, even surpassing my limits.

Eleanor broke through the dimensional walls making a hole. I jumped through that hole while holding Caroline tightly.

We were outside when we returned, not in Caroline's room or the town of Aion. It is somewhere outside.

However, it seems that there is no doubt that we returned to our world.

[That's so amazing, Otou-san. You can probably now come and go to that place anytime～]

"I guess so. Though I don't want to go there that much"

I recovered Eleanor and looked at Caroline who was still trembling.

"An attack during this timing"

[Kukuku, I wonder who in the world was pulling the strings]

Eleanor laughed playfully.

It seemed that we were thinking of the same thing.

Chapter 284 – Within the Closed World

Caroline is still frightened, while she trembles in my arms.

[It would be better if you left her rest]

"I agree, I should take her back to the church.....no, I should take her to my mansion"

[Umu. The place you are confident to describe as safe should be good]

Eleanor had the same opinion.

I'm interested in those who are targeting Caroline. Interested in the sense of looking forward to it.

That comes from the dangerous smell that I whiffed during this attack.

The more fun it is for me and Eleanor, the frightening it would be for Caroline.

Naturally, I can't let her return to the church. A place that is definitely safe is good.

My mansion. I should let Nana guard her as well.

Both in the sense of strength and loyalty.

The place where Nana is would be the safest one.

[But it's safest with Otou-san right?]

"That's true. Good girl Hikari, you're so smart~"

[Ehehe~]

I took my Warp Feather while listening to Hikari's cute laughter and warped to my mansion.

The bedroom in my mansion. I should call Nana here.

I first called Miu to call Nana.

"Did you call for me, Master"

"Yeah, sorry to trouble you. Can you tell Nana——"

"Kyaaaaa!"

Caroline suddenly screamed.

She was just trembling in my arms up until now, but the instant she saw Miu, she screamed and her trembling worsened.

"What's the matter, Caroline!"

"No.....don't come closer....."

"E-Ehh?"

Miu was confused by Caroline's fright and blatant rejection.

I know that Miu did not do anything, so I could understand why she'd feel confused.

The one I don't understand is why Caroline became more frightened when she saw Miu.

"What happened?"

"Noooooooo!"

Colaria who heard the commotion entered the room. She also made Caroline frightened.

"I-I'm sorry! I.....eh?"

Colaria was confused too. Caroline became even more scared and clung on me tighter.

[Maybe.....]

"What?"

[Maybe, she is frightened by everything that she sees through her eyes?]

"Everything that she sees?"

[This is only my speculation. She look as if she is frightened by all kinds of existence]

"Is it from the shock from being kidnapped.....?"

[Most probably. Shouldn't you consider go to a place with no people, not here

in your mansion?]

"Let me see....."

I thought for a moment and decided to use a different measure.

Although I've never done it before, I should be able to do it.

I imagined "that" and released my aura from Eleanor.

The aura completely enveloped Caroline.

[Camouflage aura? Even if you do that——]

"It's the opposite." I'm not making her invisible to everyone else, I'm making everyone else invisible to her"

[——Hmm?]

Eleanor seemed confused. I ignored her for the meantime and talked to Caroline.

"Caroline, open your eyes"

"Eh?"

"Are you still scared?"

".....ah! There's no one else anymore, other than God"

"I see"

"Oh God....."

Caroline called me and clung to me stronger.

I enveloped Caroline with an aura, one that makes her unable to see those who are weaker than me.

I improvised my camouflage aura, using it to have the opposite effects for the first time, but it looks like it worked.



I embraced the frightened Caroline within my arms and continuously warped to many places.

To Helene.

To Rica.

To Aura.

To Fiona and Marie.

To Selene.

And to Delfina.

I warped to where my women were, asking them who are in the top of politics and wealth to investigate the church's movements.

After doing so, I returned to my mansion.

I relaxed in the courtyard of my mansion with Caroline still in my arms.

Caroline seemed so frightened before, but she finally looked like she has calmed down.

She should be in a world where she could only see me. Normally, it would've been scary instead.

Something that is frequently told in stories—a world where you and only a few others exist. No one else.

A normal person would've started panicking, but Caroline had a face of complete relief in that world.

[Kukuku, what a strange girl she is]

"The way her mind works is probably different than other people"

[I understand now why you have yet to take her purity]

"Un?"

[What? You didn't notice?]

Eleanor said while rolling her eyes.

[She is just after that kicking princess, so the more of the reason that it is impossible]

".....ahh"

After hearing her said that much, I finally realized.

The thing that I myself didn't notice. The thing that I've been unconsciously avoiding.

I slept with the nuns before, but I didn't do it with Caroline who seemed to be deeply attached to me.

That is because she's completely dependent and reliant to me.

Although I feel happy being the target of her affection, she is being too dependent on me that I can't be happy for everything.

The kicking princess Eleanor mentioned——Selene.

She is someone who completely changed from a useless girl to a good woman. So after seeing her, for good and for bad, I can't make love with Caroline.

I don't want to——I "still", don't want to.

I didn't notice it myself, but Eleanor pointed it out to me.

[You've become quite a gourmet]

"That might be true"

[Her looks are not lacking though]

"Well of course"

[How about taking her right now? For example, Io also started to grow after you slept with her. This girl might be the same as her]

"Let me see"

I hesitated. What Eleanor said was reasonable.

Except for being completely reliant on me, Caroline is a beautiful girl that would gather attention from anyone.

If it was before I became too used to this, I might've not hesitated at all.

"Uhm, Master"

"Un?"

I looked up and saw Miu in front of me.

I saw Miu in the corner of my eye, in the second floor of the mansion, and in the other side of the window.

All of them were moving in a natural way. It looks like she had completely mastered using the Puppet Master.

I became happy seeing her growth. At the same time, Caroline seemed a bit more——no, I should stop.

"What's the matter"

"There's something I would like Master to see"

"Right, what is it"

I nodded and made Miu continue.

Suddenly, Caroline raised her head and looked up.

She looked completely calm by now, but her eyes gradually widened.

"Kyaaaaaaaa!"

She screamed.

"Wait Caroline, Miu is——"

The next instant, my body moved.

There was no explanation, doubt, nor confirmation.

My body moved skipping all the process that should've been in between.

The reason for that, it's only because my intuition told me.

I unsheathed Eleanor and——



It was a calm moment that seemed as if she was within the cradle of her mother's arms.

A place that can be called the safest in the face of the earth. Caroline regained her composure being protected within Kakeru's arms.

A world where she can only see Kakeru. It was a world that felt like it was a dream.

There was no noises. Only Kakeru exists.

Caroline was relieved being in that world.

But suddenly, she felt a presence and looked up. She saw someone she doesn't know.

It was an animal-eared girl wearing maid clothes.

A noise.

A noise that suddenly interrupted the world where she can only see Kakeru.

Caroline was frightened. She was scared by the fact that she might be kidnapped once again.

She raised a scream. A scream that was prompted by fear.

The next instant, Kakeru unsheathed his Demon Sword and swung it towards the enemy.

Gakiiiiiiin——

A metallic sound that pierces the ears and sparks flying.

Kakeru's face was grinning.

Caroline has only few interactions with other people, so she doesn't know.

The expression of the man she is looking at is classified generally as a "villainous grin".

However, it gave Caroline a sense of protection.

The appearance of the injured beastkin girl blurred and disappeared once again.

Kakeru was embracing Caroline as he swung his sword, but.

With the world turning back to where she could only see Kakeru, Caroline was relieved and clung to him tightly.

Chapter 285 – A Capable Girl

I slashed towards that thing that had Miu's appearance using Eleanor.

It guarded, raising its arms while jumping back. I broke through its guard and chopped its arms altogether.

"—!"

Its expression changed. Its expression turned into a fierce one, one unimaginable from Miu.

Its arms that were chopped immediately returned into ashes and regenerated from the chop wounds.

That thing kicked the ground and jumped into the air. It looks like it's trying to run.

I thought of jumping after it, but I stopped.

Its movements as soon as it jumped, and also its direction.

I noticed that it wasn't leaping, but flying.

If I just jump after it, I would be left behind part ways.

"Hikari, take out Olivia"

[Un! O-chan~!]

Hikari's blade shone and Olivia was summoned.

Not Chibi Dragon, nor in her dragonkin form.

The Dragon King Olivia was summoned.

I jumped onto Olivia's head while embracing Caroline tightly.

"Pursue after it"

That was all I ordered.

Olivia flapped her wings and flew to the great sky.

That thing that has Miu's appearance and Olivia who was chasing after it.

Olivia was faster by a lot, so we immediately caught up.

"We've caught you"

We closed in while I'm still on Olivia's head. I slashed towards the fake Miu using Eleanor.

Fake Miu blocked by reaching out its arm while turning around. *Gakiiii—n!!* the deafening sound echoed and sparks flew.

Its arm was tougher than earlier.

It was about to counterattack. It made a clawing movement with its hands.

I felt a bad feeling soon after. I quickly dodged.

The air, it "rotted".

I don't know if that's the correct way to describe it, but that was how I felt it.

The space its claws passed through rotted.

Looking closely, its nails had a dark violet color, and something with an indescribable color was falling from it.

[If it lands on your body, even you couldn't possibly endure it]

"It's useless if it doesn't hit"

I continued to slash using Eleanor. The sword clashed with its claws creating countless sparks.

Fake Miu flew around in the air and tried to attack from my blind spot.

Olivia also started maneuvering in the air to deal with it, but.

[O-chan, she's having it hard.....]

Just like what Hikari whispered, although Olivia was faster in speed, she is inferior when it comes to making small turns in the air.

There were multiple times when Olivia could not catch up with its maneuverability and got attacked from a blind spot. Although she tried to fight back, her attacks would barely graze it, making her unable to deal sufficient damage.

After several exchanges, Olivia was caught entirely from her blind spot.

She received attacks from Fake Miu and I was thrown in the air because of the impact.

I took a glance and saw Fake Miu making an evil smile.

"You can't catch up now"—I think I heard that.

"Don't smile using that face"

I kicked the air.

I kicked the air, I kicked the wind.

I kicked empty spaces and charged towards Fake Miu.

[Kukuku, how ridiculous you are as always]

[Otou-san's so amazing!]

Ignoring the reactions of the mother and daughter Demon Swords, I closed the distance with Fake Miu and swung down Eleanor.

Fake Miu looked surprised. It took defensive guard in desperation, trying to parry my charge.

"This isn't over!"

I was swept away to a different direction, but I immediately kicked the air once again, charging towards it after changing directions.

Although I can't fly in the air in the sense of floating, with this, I can now fight mid-air.

I charged many times, attacking Fake Miu.

There are times when my attack would be dodged, sometimes it would be parried, and I would also clash with it and be pummelled to the ground.

But every time, I would change directions and charge again.

Fake Miu's face color worsens, it looked as if it was panicking after feeling it was disadvantaged.

"How about giving up already"

When I said that, Fake Miu turned around and flew away. It was flying as if it was trying to take distance away from me.

"I won't let you escape!"

[Wait, no]

Soon after I heard Eleanor's words of halt, Fake Miu raised its hand.

With that hand as the core, a gigantic magic circle appeared.

It was about thirty meters in diameter. A magic circle that looked as if it was covering the sky.

A dragon appeared from that.

It's a dragon that looked as if it was made by dark flames. I can tell with a glance that it's strong.

But, it wouldn't be a problem.

Caroline looked completely relieved in my arms. She clings tightly to me.

The reason why she screamed before was because, at that instant, its strength exceeded my—Eleanor's power.

But after I landed a hit on Fake Miu, it weakened so Caroline calmed down.

And even now, Caroline stays put silently. Not to mention a scream, she even seems as if all that she can see is me.

In other words, it is very clear.

But despite that, we are in mid-air. I don't want to stay much longer, fighting in this terrain where even Olivia was played.

If so, since that's the case. To defeat it with one shot.

I concentrated my powers towards my right hand that holds Eleanor.

With powers that exceed my limits. A powerful throw.

The throw using the full strength that Eleanor—

[Stop—]

She shouted before I moved, but I didn't mind her and continued to throw.

When we're doing this, Eleanor would always say stop or wait, so I continued to throw without reacting to her.

I am sure. That attack would kill it.

Kyuuuuuuuun——!! Eleanor flew with the wind howling.

That attack using the Demon Sword that exceeded the speed of sound blasted off the dark dragon along with Fake Miu.

".....ah!"

But a moment later, I understood why Eleanor was stopping me.

I shouldn't blast away Fake Miu.

The duration of the fight was getting longer, and I was pissed by it making such expressions using Miu's face, so I completely forgot.

I shouldn't defeat it, but neutralize it so that I can extract information from it.

Despite regretting it, it was already done.

Being hit by my full force attack using Eleanor, Fake Miu was completely obliterated without any remains.

I landed on the ground while embracing Caroline and dropped my shoulders.

I also recovered Eleanor while I did so.

[You fool. This is what happens if you don't listen to my words]

"Mumumu~"

[What "Mumumu~". Reflect on yourself this time]

I couldn't rebuke Eleanor. Although the enemy was defeated, it was my mistake.

[Huh~? Where's O-chan?]

"Hm?"

Hikari seems to have noticed something.

When I turned around, I saw Olivia in her dragon form over there.

She is sitting like a dog——she stared at me with eyes you would see from a faithful dog.

The faithful dog Olivia. It's an expression that she would sometimes make.

It's when she wants to say something, but she's waiting for my command.

That kind of face.

"What's the matter, Olivia"

"Look at this!"

Olivia bowed her head and moved her face closer to me.

Olivia's head when she's a dragon is as big as a person. I saw something stuck between her fangs.

"This is....."

"It got stuck when I bit on that thing earlier"

"Earlier.....? Ahh! When you grazed Fake Miu"

"Un!"

Olivia nodded with an even happier face.

What was stuck between her fangs—a bit of clothes and flesh.

Although the main body was obliterated, it might be possible to use these as evidence.

"Good job, Olivia"

"Aha～♪"

When I praised her, Olivia showed a happy smile.

Chapter 286 – Inside the Vessel

In the living room of my mansion, there are two women sitting beside me on the sofa.

One is Caroline. I'm protecting her using my camouflage aura since she would get scared seeing other people.

The other one is Olivia. She is resting her chin on my lap, as if she was a dog.

I stroked Olivia's head. Although the way my hand moved was the same with how I pat Hikari, the action itself was different.

It's the thing that Eleanor in the past era was doing. It's the technique that makes the target feel pleasure greater than having sex with just a simple touch or even suck their lifeforce and turn them into a cripple.

I customized that technique.

Eleanor is able to give the target feel pleasure that is greater than sex, but in return, they would be crippled.

I'm customizing it so that it would be at the level of intense foreplay without any side-effects.

The wise Olivia saw through my intent from the beginning, but even after doing so, she let me do as I wish.

[As expected of a loyal dog. To think that she would be happy being the guinea pig of her master]

"Don't make it sound so terrible"

[But that's what exactly you're doing right? More importantly, are you sure? That technique is difficult to use]

"No problem. I'll make sure to master it"

[Well, if it could be adjusted to exactly how you imagine it, it would be like giving wings to a tiger. It is worth the try]

"That isn't all"

[Umu?]

"It's not just this. I'll do everything one at a time. Someday, I'll have your everything as mine"

[.....s-suit yourself]

While hearing Eleanor's unusual agitation, I continued to stroke Olivia's head.

Olivia's face was blushing. She wouldn't be like that with just a simple pat.

She reacts the same with when I would touch her breasts.

The adjustment is working pretty well. I continued carefully.

On the other hand, I'm holding the piece of meat and cloth, giving it a careful look.

It's the clue I got thanks to Olivia.

While looking at it, I remembered the information I got from my women.

Helene, Rica, Aura, Fiona, and Selene.

The queens and princesses of the Five Great Kingdoms.

In addition to that, Delfina, the merchant who possesses equal wealth to a kingdom, who had spread her network throughout the world.

As a result of all of their investigations, they told me that the church hadn't made strange movements.

I've also considered the pattern where there would be none of such.

Since it was assumed that the opponent was the evil beings, I've thought that they might have different ways of taking actions from humans.

As a result, not a single one of my women were able to catch strange movements. However, it truly exists. This piece of meat and cloth is the proof for that.

The evil beings. It is without a doubt that those which are not human are moving.

"The problem is why would they target Caroline"

I glanced at Olivia.

Olivia is smiling, in addition to her blushing face as I stroked her head.

[It seems that the doggy doesn't have anything to say]

"I agree"

If she had noticed something and there is something she would want to say. Olivia would be fidgeting, looking as if she's holding back but wants to say something.

She would be like that when she wants to say something, say something "with my permission".

Olivia is just like that.

But since she's only behaving completely spoiled, it's the proof that she hadn't noticed anything.

[What next?]

"There's no way I would always protect her until she becomes the Pope"

"As expected of Human!"

I'm in my mansion and I'm not hiding my voice with my aura, so Olivia who heard me reacted.

I stroked her head a bit stronger but still gently, and continued.

"However, there's no meaning if she would be targeted even after she becomes the Pope. I can't protect her her whole life"

[Umu. We must find out the reason why she's being targetted]

"After reaching this point, it would be a place where even Helene and the other's can't investigate"

[How about using this girl, Caroline, to bait them?]

"There's always the possibility for the worst. I want that as the last resort"

I continued the discussion with Eleanor about this and that.

We talked about things like deciphering the Solon Church's scriptures, or asking Melissa.

Although we made many kinds of ideas, none of them were as effective as the

first one. The one with using Caroline as a bait.

When I was considering it carefully, whether that's really the only thing we could do.

From across the window, I saw Althea in the garden.

Althea is covering her face with the hood of her coat. She probably returned to her old appearance after her vigor was drained.

"Recently, Althea feels a bit distant"

[She might be cheating on you]

I flicked Eleanor's blade with my finger.

"Although she's as usual on the bed, it's like she won't talk to me other than those times, or maybe she seems to be avoiding me"

[Hmm. It is true that you have that kind of atmosphere between you. It's the opposite to the Dragon King doggy]

"You're still continuing that.....wait, opposite to Olivia?"

Something bothered me.

Opposite.....opposite of what?

Olivia would be fidgeting around when she wants to say something.

And the opposite to that.....she's avoiding me because she doesn't want to tell me something?

【I am Althea, just Althea】

"No. She's avoiding me because she wants to say something"

[What are you saying?]

Eleanor said while rolling her eyes.

"Olivia wishes to become a simple woman. She doesn't want to give me advice"

[.....hmm, that is true]

Eleanor's tone turned to a serious one.



"Yes, I know"

Althea acknowledged it casually after I called her.

"You don't want me to hear you out?"

"I just don't want to answer"

I heard her continuing "I'm just Althea after all" without putting it in words.

"Can you make an exception"

"Alright. In return, you must treat me as an ordinary woman after I told you"

I pulled Althea into an embrace, took off her hood, and kissed her.

Her old appearance returned to a young and vibrant one, turning her to an unparalleled beauty.

After the long kiss, Althea had a complicated face. Half satisfied and half hadn't had enough.

"Let's leave the rest after hearing you out"

"Fine"

Althea nodded and the air around her changed in an instant.

She started to speak with her instructor's tone——unique to when she wants to teach me something.

"That girl Caroline, she the a vessel of god"

"Vessel for god? Not a child of god?"

"Both of them are correct. It is merely the difference in perspective. She is seen as the child of god from the human's perspective. The child of god who possesses the blood of the god Solon. Then what about the vessel of god?"

".....those guys' perspective"

I answered to the instructor's question and she nodded with a satisfied face.

"Exactly. The vessel of god is the moniker when looking from their perspective. And that in itself is the essence. The vessel of god. When Solon

descents.....no, when that god manifests, the vessel of god shall be the its container"

"I see"

"The vessel of god must be empty. For there would be inconveniences when Solon possesses it if it is not. However, the vessel that they created so that it would grow empty.....it gave birth to slightly human-like emotions. Why is that?"

".....because she heard my voice?"

Althea nodded.

"With the interactions between you two, she is gradually approaching that of a human. No, there is a high possibility that she would be human itself. And the reason for that"

Althea looked straight at me. Her eyes were overflowing with passion.

"All of the women who were involved with you becomes a simple woman without exception"

"A simple woman, huh"

"A simple woman, one that is truly human. That is why they wanted to take her from you, even using force"

".....in other words, the thing about the pope doesn't matter. Those guys want to take Caroline away, keeping her in storage until my life ends, huh"

Althea nods satisfiedly with my answer.

I remembered the words of those evil beings I heard before.

Their longevity is far longer than that of humans. They only need to take action after I'm dead.

They were saying things like that.

Their plan for Caroline is the same with that, huh.

"In other words, I only need to fill the vessel huh"

"Yes. You only need to do what you are usually doing. Although there would

be even more hindrances"

Althea said playfully.

That's not a problem.

No matter what hindrance it is, I only need to erase them. It's that simple.

Chapter 287 – Amazing Women (Side Caroline)

When Caroline woke up, it was in her own room.

"—hiii!"

It was her room she lived for many years, a personal place that should've given her relief.

However, Caroline raised a scream.

Her face paled and looked around, desperately searching for something.

"God! Where are you God?!"

She is searching for Kakeru who she calls as her God.

She wondered when she had returned, although she was sure that she was within Kakeru's arms just before she fell asleep.

She was completely in panic, calling out to Kakeru desperately.

"God! Where are you God?! Noooooooooo!!!"

As she continued to scream, people who have heard her came.

After the sounds of running footsteps, the door was slammed open.

"What's the matter, Caroline-sama!"

"Did something happen?"

It was two young nuns who entered the room.

"Hii!"

Caroline fell into deeper panic as the nuns appeared.

She was traumatized after being kidnapped, making her feel fear from all kinds of human other than Kakeru.

"It's alright, Caroline-sama. We are nuns of the church"

"Idiot, she can't understand even if you tell her. She can't hear you after all"

"Ah! Right....."

Caroline cannot hear their voices. More specifically, although she can hear their voices, her brain doesn't recognize them as voices.

Kakeru gave her the lottery item "Backward Compatibility", so she is now able to hear them, but there was no way for Caroline who would fall into panic just by seeing them would match her frequency with them so she could understand them.

"God! Please, God, answer to my call!"

As a result, she became more panicked and continued to call Kakeru.

"Maybe she's afraid because she can't hear Solon-sama's voice"

"I wonder what happened. She can't hear Solon-sama? But it isn't like she would always hear God's voice"

"I know right. She's panicking too, let's just leave her alone"

"Wait a second"

One of the nuns wrote something using the pen and paper found in the table in Caroline's room.

She gave that simple note to Caroline.

""Don't worry, we'll be just outside so call us if anything happens". I see, she can read it when it's written huh"

"It's also for her to look at it after she's calmed down"

The two nuns left the room.

With the slight improvement from the worst situation, Caroline slightly calmed down.

She has now calm enough to take a look at the note she was given, able to look around the room without screaming.

"God.....where did you go....."

Caroline whispered silently. What remained after the passing of fear was unprecedented helplessness.

Starting from this day, Kakeru stopped appearing in front of her.



It was already a week since Kakeru stopped appearing.

Although Caroline fell into panic during the first day, she was in the church familiar to her, a place where she could even call as her home.

She completely calmed down the next day and was even able to leave her room, spending the same days she has spent up until now.

Even on this day, she left her room, and was about to pray in front of god's statue while thinking of Kakeru/

When she was about to kneel and place her hands together as usual, one woman came from her side.

"Ah! Please wait, Caroline-sama"

The young nun said to her, but of course, Caroline didn't hear her.

She stopped Caroline by blocking her way, then after sweeping the place she was about to kneel on, she wiped it with a cloth.

She quickly cleaned the place where Caroline was about to kneel on.

"Please, go on now. Please do your best today too, Caroline-sama"

The nun left after saying that.

Of course, her words did not reach Caroline's ears. However, she had caught her eye.

Caroline tilted her head towards the strange actions of the nun.



Even after praying for the whole day, Kakeru did not appear in front of Caroline.

"God....."

It was a heartrending whisper and although other people's words cannot reach her, the opposite was different.

The other believers can hear Caroline's words.

Within the church which was almost made up of only nuns, with the men out

to teach in church schools.

The older nuns who were praying just the same comforted her.

"It's alright, Caroline-sama. I believe that Solon-sama will let you hear His voice once again"

"She's right. I am sure that He is watching over the results of the school that we made"

Naturally, Caroline did not hear those older nuns' voices, she looked at the young nuns who was working eagerly at a distance.

"Everyone, good job. I brought water"

"There's cold towels as well. You should cool your knees using these"

They would bring water or towels, walking around here and there, taking care of the other believers.

"Here, Caroline-sama should have one too"

One of them came to Caroline and gave her a cup of water.

"Please don't hold back—ah! I see, you couldn't hear us right"

The young nun made a gesture of drinking water, so Caroline received the cup and drank water from mit.

The water made her feel refreshed. It should've been ordinary water, but it was strangely refreshing.

"Ufufu, you face says that you find it strange. I added a bit of a secret flavor. Though you won't understand even if I explain, so I won't say it"

The young nun showed a mischievous smile, then returned to the other young nuns to hand over water.

Caroline continued to stare at them.



A slight change occurred in Caroline's lifestyle.

Her days of waking up in the church and praying have not changed.

She is just doing one additional thing other than that.

Her eyes would follow the young nuns.

She was not looking at someone particularly.

She just started to watch the young nuns within the church.

Even right now, she is looking at a nun who is writing a letter for a believer who visited the church.

These past few days, she finds herself attracted or interested by the young nuns.

They felt different from other people, but it was difficult for Caroline who doesn't know a lot of words to describe it clearly. The only thing she knows is that they are clearly different from other people.

The young nuns were thoughtful, their movements were skilled, and one would somewhat feel elegance from their bearing.

When she noticed it, Caroline's eyes were chasing after the young nuns' appearances.

There is another reason for her to do that.

There would always be one of the young nuns that interested Caroline within her view.

Even when she is keeping herself inside her room, there would always be one of them when she looks out her window.

They weren't looking at Caroline, just simply spending their own lives.

Nonetheless, they would absolutely be there.

That's why Caroline looked at them. She watched them, with her eyes chasing after them.

"They are so....."

Caroline did her best to describe those women.

"So beautiful, and amazing.....they are women, so amazing"

She squeezed that out from her untrained vocabulary, that was caused by not interacting with others.

As she continued to follow them with her eyes, Caroline became interested in them.

At the same time, she wondered if “everyone” was the same.

She looked at the other believers.

However, there were only some that made Caroline feel they’re “amazing”. Only about twenty of them.

Gradually, she remembered their faces.

She remembered their faces despite of not knowing their names.

After remembering their faces, she started to become even more attracted to see their behavior.

Those twenty young nuns were similar, but slightly different from each other.

They are just amazing in their own ways.

"I wonder why.....ah!"

Caroline was unable to find out why even after thinking about it herself, but she suddenly realized something.

She realized that she should just ask them to know why.

"Although it would make me unable to hear God’s voice.....it can’t be helped"

She used the “Backward Compatibility”, enabling her to hear ordinary people’s voices and left her room to search for the “amazing” women.

Ordinary people would not do that at this hour.

After all, it was in the middle of the night when she realized that.

Common sense would make ordinary people wait for the next day, but having almost no interactions with other people, Caroline did not have that thought.

That’s why she saw something unexpected.

Caroline left her room to search for the “amazing” women, but she witnessed something outside of the church.

She saw one woman talking to Kakeru while they faced each other.

【God.....?】

Caroline was surprised.

However, her surprise was unexpectedly small.

If it were a few days ago, just when she was returned to the church, she would've rushed towards Kakeru without thinking of anything else. But it did not go that way.

Her dependency towards Kakeru slightly faded and the existence of the “amazing” woman was big enough to weigh her balancing scale of judgment.

Instead of rushing out, she was curious, she was very, very curious.

The conversation between Kakeru and the “amazing” woman interested her so much.

When she tries to hear Kakeru's voice, she won't be able to hear the woman's voice.

When she tries to hear the woman's voice, this time, she won't be able to hear Kakeru's voice.

She can only hear one of them, making her unable to understand their conversation.

But it made her curious, what they were talking about made her very curious.

Caroline, for the first time in her life, did her best.

She was fueled by her curiosity, making her do her utmost to be able to hear both of them at the same time.

As a result.

"Ha! Nikki Cephalis and the first platoon shall continue guarding the Child of God!"

"I'll be counting on you. When everything's over, I'll definitely make it up to you girls"

"Ha!—no, Yes!"

For hearing that, Caroline became even more confused.

Within a split of a second, Nikki showed two different faces.

She has remembered her face. But she did not know that face of hers.

It was the coolest and most beautiful face she had seen up until now.

But Nikki reverted that face within a blink of an eye. It made Caroline more and more confused, making her more and more curious.



About 90% of the movement of Caroline's heart was as Kakeru had expected.

Chapter 288 – The Sun, the Moon, and the Turtle

[I really think it's about time that you tell me what you're doing]

After seeing Nikki off, I heard Eleanor inside my head.

Although she said that, she didn't seem to be annoyed with me for not telling her. Instead, she even seemed to enjoy the fun of it.

Recently, Eleanor seems to be playful about and enjoying everything.

[You enveloped your first platoon with your aura and made them infiltrate the church. I thought you planned on making them do something, but that doesn't seem to be the case. All that you let them do was to make them spend their days as usual. What in the world is your objective]

"This is my guess.....but Caroline probably doesn't think of humans as humans"

[Hmm? The same as me?]

"Not that. You think of humans as humans right? But although you call humans as human, it's synonymous to trash.....that's how it is in your case, right?"

[Umu. Exactly]

"In Caroline's case, it's a problem even before that. Only God exists in that girl's world. God and everything else, that is the world Caroline lives in"

[I see. For good or for bad, she doesn't think of humans as humans. She thinks of them as the same with cats and dogs or trees and grass]

"You were almost right on the point. Even though you've described it lowly already"

[.....I see, the same with monsters too huh]

I nodded.

I think so, especially after watching Caroline. Even if you think of the lottery skill "Backward Compatibility" and about the frequency, there is probably no

doubt.

"She needs to start from the very beginning, she needs to recognize humans as humans. It would fill her empty head"

[I understand that. But why the slave soldiers? On top of that, why did you choose the first platoon of all?]

"I need to make her understand "human. There would be no meaning if I show her one or two superhumans. I need to let her see many attractive people"

[That's the reason why you sent your slave soldiers huh. But why the first platoon?]

"....."

That is, well.....

[Kukuku. Seeing you not answer, it was really like that huh. There were many things that happened with the first platoon. Even within all of your slave soldiers, they have the deepest relationship with you——they are completely stained with your smell]

"That's where one would say "don't say it out loud, it's so embarrassing""

It's exactly as Eleanor had said.

The first platoon of the slave soldiers led by Nikki. They once had too strong of the desire to gain battle achievements for me, making them repeatedly do reckless actions in the battlefield.

During that time, the first platoon would either have the greatest battle achievements or they would have the most number of wounded.

I scolded them about that and even trained them furthermore.

Most of all, I spent a lot of time with all of them in the bed, seeing how hard working they are.

As a result, they became the platoon that has the deepest relationship with me within my slave soldiers.

"Don't describe it with words like smell"

[They are the safety blanket that you gave that girl after all. So that she won't be worried too much after her god disappeared all so suddenly. There is no way to describe it other than smell]

I didn't say anything but flicked Eleanor's blade.

I felt complicated being seen through by Eleanor, but the progress isn't bad.

I should watch over them for a bit longer.

Thinking of that, I took out my Warp Feather and was about to return to my mansion.

It was that time. A carriage stopped in front of the church.

One woman got off the carriage.

Her age seems to have slightly exceeded 30, she has balanced limbs and a beautiful figure.

Her type somewhat makes me think of Delfina.

That woman is wearing clerical clothes of the Solon Church, ones that are close to what Melissa is wearing.

"An executive, huh"

[Those clothes are the ones worn by head priests]

"Head priest?"

[A position where one would oversee the churches of several towns]

I see. She's quite the VIP then.

Why did someone like that come here?

That head priest woman entered the church. I was curious about why she came here.

I enveloped myself with my camouflage aura making me invisible.

[Kuku, how overprotective]

I flicked Eleanor's blade with a finger.

Although Caroline can hear my voice, she still can't see my appearance.

I told myself to be careful not to say anything as I entered the church.



While Caroline was praying, she was taking glances from her surroundings.

(That person was talking to God earlier.....is she.....are those beautiful women, were they sent by God to stay around me? That means, they are angels?)

It was fine up until Caroline started to guess the slave soldiers' identity after seeing one of them talk with Kakeru, but it was really Caroline after all. Her imagination was extraordinary.

She looked at the angels—her eyes followed the women that Kakeru sent to stay around her even more.

Most particularly, that woman who talked with Kakeru.

Nikki Cephalis.

Caroline stared at her the most.

All of those women were different from other people for they were beautiful and amazing, but Nikki was a notch above them.

It was even enough to say that she looked like she was shining brightly.

Caroline had almost no interactions with ordinary people. In a sense, she's even more clueless about the world when compared to Selene.

That's why she was unable to notice that the things she was seeing were actually something that an ordinary person would be unable to see.

But that was good instead. She would've been just confused if she had half-baked knowledge.

Those things that she sees.....they are the color of the soul.

It is something that ordinary people cannot see, it is a scene that would make those with common sense bewildered.

However, Caroline doesn't know that. She doesn't think it strange.

She only sees that wonderful woman shining brightly. She only looked at that

phenomenon.

(I know this.....what was it again?)

Seeing Nikki light up, Caroline felt that it was familiar to her.

She had seen something similar, even recently.

Caroline looked around to search for what it was.

She looked to the right and to the left, she turned and continued to search for it.

Finally, she saw “that” outside the window.

She saw the afternoon blue sky outside the window.

But the other thing she was the white moon.

She felt that Nikki’s shining light is the same as the moon.

That made Caroline even more confused, but in a sense, she was looking at its essence.

Nikki’s soul had the same kind of light as the moon and following the brightness of the moon was the sun.

The moon (Nikki) receives the sun’s (Kakeru’s) light to shine.

"It must be you, the Child of God"

"Eh?"

Caroline matched her frequency with other people so that she could see and hear the wonderful women.

But suddenly, a different woman’s voice interrupted her consciousness.

She looked up and saw a woman wearing clerical clothes for head priests.

"It is my pleasure to see you. My name is Eudora Canasis"

It was an elegant woman with a pleasing bearing.

However, in the eyes of Caroline.

She had a dark and disgusting color, enough to make Nikki’s shine seem like its the sun in comparison.

Chapter 289 – Caroline's Awakening

"Eudora.....san"

"Ara, I heard that the Child of God doesn't speak much, but that doesn't seem to be the case. Or am I just lucky enough?"

Eudora giggled a laugh.

From the side, she looks like a noblewoman showing an elegant smile. Proving that were several believers——especially men getting stunned by her look.

She has a friendly smile and an elegant demeanor.

But still, Caroline furrowed her brows.

It was unknown whether Eudora noticed it or not.

She continued while smiling.

"It is very convenient if we can have a talk. Caroline-sama, I have something to ask from you"

".....no"

"——!"

Before Eudora finished, Caroline refused without consideration.

The believers inside the church were stirred and Eudora's expression turned stiff for an instant.

"That.....why is it?"

"It doesn't matter"

"That is troubling. Can you please at least listen to what I say"

"....."

Caroline looked like she didn't like her company, making an obvious expression.

".....you seem to be very frank huh. It cannot be helped, I shall leave for today"

After Eudora said that, she turned around and left the church.

She really seemed like she acted maturely. Adding to the air around her and her elegant bearing, some believers looked at Caroline with clear disapproval and discontent.

They look as if they would've been making a fuss about it if Caroline wasn't the "Child of God".

Naturally, those gazes, their emotions, they did not reach Caroline.

She saw off Eudora with a confused and unpleasant expression.

Even now, in Caroline's eyes, Eudora seemed to be something that is disgustingly dark and dirty.



After getting into her carriage, Eudora whispered an order to her subordinate.

"Go and thoroughly investigate that girl. From her birth, taste and preferences, to the color of the underwear she wears. Find out everything. There must be something. Something that would make her listen to me"

"Ha!"

Her subordinate received her order and left.

Inside the carriage that started moving, Eudora whispered to herself with a scowling expression.

"That little brat who's conceited for being called the child of god.....I'll definitely make you regret this"

Eudora cursed out in the place where no one was looking.

Although her beauty was still present and the same, her expression was wicked and fierce, incomparable to what she had shown earlier.

It's her true expression she only shows when she's absolutely sure that no one is looking.

"It's like a different person"

[Kukuku, she is quite decent in looking good outside]

Eleanor and I looked at that expression closely.

In the same carriage, on the seat opposite to her.

I got in the same carriage while clad in my camouflage aura.

Thanks to that, she can't see me at all.

"I'd probably refuse anything someone like this asks. No, in the first place, there's no way she'd bring something reasonable"

[She seem to say something about threatening that girl too]

"She did. However, why did Caroline rejected her?"

[She didn't even let her talk about it]

"Caroline had an unpleasant expression the instant she saw her. As if she's looking at garbage"

[Umu. She was looking at Nikki just a moment ago, so the difference on her expression was terrible]

".....what do you think?"

[She might have heard something impossible for the common man]

I nodded.

I agreed with Eleanor's guess.

Originally, Caroline had a different "way of hearing" from the other people.

Up until now, it would be either "she could hear" or "she could not hear", but there is the possibility that it might've evolved into something else.

In fact, her eyes were clearly different when she's looking at Nikki and the other slave soldiers. She looked at them with favorable eyes.

[Are you bragging now?]

"It's a fact that they've become good women"

[Kukuku, you're no fun teasing]

Although she said that, Eleanor seemed to be having fun.

I gave it another thought. I thought of how to test and prove what happened

to Caroline.



"If that is the case, there is someone very suitable"

In the Calamba Kingdom, in the Royal Capital Meteora.

Rica told me that when I came to consult her.

"Who is it? I came to ask you if you have someone you had your eyes on, one that has yet to enter the harem. Is it like that?"

"Unfortunately, it's a man"

Rica smiled.

"I would secure those I must collect at the quickest, fast enough to win against Delfina"

"Colaria huh"

"Yes. That's why there's no one who is like what Kakeru described right now. I don't have that, but there is a man who might be punished with a crime"

"Tell me the details"

After showing a graceful smile, Rica started to talk about that man.

It was a lower official in a rural area with many farmlands in a certain region.

This year, that region is was hit by a bad weather, so the kingdom——Rica gave them an exemption for taxes and sent them relief goods.

However, it was a plot by some corrupted officials, increasing their personal wealth by taking advantage of that.

The lower official found the proof for those other officials' corruption and tried to report them——.

"It's a story that goes like that. On the other hand, there are reports that say that the true culprit of everything is actually that lower official"

"I see. It isn't going anywhere huh"

"But I already caught some evidence. He's innocent. I think that he's just what Kakeru needs right now to test Caroline"

"That's true. Thank you, Rica"

After I said that, I held Rica by the waist and pulled her into an embrace, then gave her a deep kiss.

Rica looked entranced and she leaned her body to mine.

"Is there anyone else who's like him?"

"Although they're not completely clearly proved, there is a few"

"I'll be using all of them"

"Un. I'll bring you the list"

I gave Rica another kiss when she was about to call someone to order, giving her the advance payment she deserves.



"Caroline"

"God"

In Aion's church, in Caroline's bedroom.

I directly warped into her room.

Caroline was unexpectedly calm although it has been a while since she saw me.

"What's the matter, God?"

"Un, no, it's nothing. More importantly, come with me"

"To where?"

"To the prison"

"The prison....."

Caroline had a face of wondering what it was all about, but even so, she unhesitatingly took my hand when I reached out to her.

Holding her tightly, I warped to the prison I was led to once before.

It's an underground prison where felons are locked up.

The stone walls and iron bars releases a solemn atmosphere.

"Over here"

"Un"

I brought Caroline in front of the man I was looking for.

It's the lower official who had reported corruption yet he was accused to be the corrupted one.

"Eh?"

As soon as she saw the man, Caroline's eyes widened.

She hasn't even heard the man speak, but she already raised a voice of surprise.

"Why is that person, in a place like this?"

"Can you tell something?"

"Un. He's the same after all, with that person God talked with. He looks shining"

"To the one I talked to?"

"That amazing woman saluting"

"Nikki huh.....you saw us huh"

Caroline made a slight nod. Her eyes were pinned to the man.

"You see him shining, huh. What about that woman Eudora?"

"She's so dirty"

"I see. It's not that you can hear it, you can see it"

"Un. It's only recently that I can see it"

"I see.....Caroline"

"What?"

"I'll make you look at different people as well"

"Un.....if God says so....."

Caroline looked clueless. She definitely doesn't know it herself.

She doesn't know how amazing the thing she sees.

[The light of the soul, huh.....]

Eleanor whispered in a solemn voice.

Eleanor had the same guess. If our guess was correct, it means that Caroline is now able to see the color of a human's soul.

And to confirm that, I made her look at different kinds of people.



About 90% of the movement of Caroline's heart was as Kakeru had expected.

The remaining 10% was beyond Kakeru's expectations.

Caroline started to look more at humans, she started to look more and see their true nature.

Caroline was born as the Child of God—as the vessel for Solon, but Kakeru had never imagined that her powers would awaken, the ability to sort out souls.

Chapter 290 – The Color of the Soul, Many Others

To confirm Caroline's new ability, to see check her eyes.

Using my Warp Feather, I returned to the mansion with Caroline.

"Ah! Master"

When I warped to my bedroom, we encountered Miu who was making the bed.

"Nana-san was searching for Master"

"I also have business with Nana. Tell her to come here"

"Yes!"

Although Miu nodded, she did not take any other action and only continued to make the bed.

It's not like she ignored my order.

I've given Miu the lottery skill "Puppet Master".

She probably used an idle puppet or one that is near Nana to call her.

Suddenly, I noticed Caroline's eyes.

She was staring at Miu.

"What's the matter"

"There's nothing"

"Eh?"

"I can't see anything.....why?"

"You can't see anything.....? You are talking about Miu, that girl right?"

Caroline nodded.

I can see a clear color of confusion from her expression.

[Isn't it because it's a puppet]

"Ahh, I see"

I realized after hearing Eleanor.

The one here isn't the original Miu. It's only a puppet made to look similar to her.

It's a soulless but well-made puppet.

"Well, naturally you can't see anything huh"

I was convinced, but Caroline was still confused.

I was about to comfort her by explaining it to her.....but I stopped.

I want to test her eyes, so it's too early to comfort her.

It will be for the best if we proceed like this without giving her any preconception.

I thought of that and waited for a while after deciding not to say anything.

KonKon.

The bedroom's door was knocked and Nana entered.

"I have come to answer your summons. Aruji, I heard that you have business with me"

"Before that, let's start with yours. You also wanted something from me right?"

"Ha! I wanted to report that there are suspicious figures around the mansion for the past few days"

"Suspicious figures? Are they strong?"

"No. They are only at the level where the platoon leaders are able to defeat"

"I see. I'll leave dealing with them to you then. If you think it's not needed——no"

I stopped halfway and changed my words.

"Report to me after it's over. Bring with you those who have particular achievements"

I implied that I'll be giving them rewards.

Hearing that, Nana nodded with a more dignified expression than usual.

"What business did Aruji call me for?"

"Just stand right there——Caroline"

I made Nana stand by and looked at Caroline.

"How does she look?"

"She's so blinding"

"Blinding, huh"

"Un. Her light is amazing, it's as if I'm looking at the sky during the day"

"As strong as the sun huh"

I was convinced and became happy at the same time.

I became very happy hearing that the evaluation of Nana's soul was even better than I expected.

"Aruji.....? What does that mean?"

"Don't mind it. It's over now"

"Haa.....?"

"Come to my bedroom tonight. Make sure you're alone"

"——! Yes!"

Nana was surprised for an instant, but soon after, she made an unusually happy smile.

If Caroline's eyes are correct, it means that Nana's soul is shining like the sun.

It makes me happy——it makes me want her.

And to execute my order, Nana left the mansion to take care of the matter of the suspicious figures.

I saw her off and when I was thinking who I should let Caroline take a look at.

"Otou-san～!"

"Myu～!"

The door was slammed open and Hikari and Chibi Dragon entered the room.

The lovely girl and the small dragon ran towards me and clung to me at the same time.

"Otou-san~, welcome back!"

"Yeah, I'm back. Were you playing with Olivia?"

"Un! I was playing with O-chan and everyone!"

"I see, I see. Are you tired? Want to eat some snack?"

"Un!"

"Miu"

"Understood"

Miu nodded and trotted out of the room, probably towards the kitchen.

Hikari hugged me, she's still the world's cutest girl as usual.

"Ne~, ne~, Otou-san. Hikari wants to go to the hotsprings~"

"Hotsprings huh"

"Un! I want my hair washed like an adult, just like what Otou-san taught me~"

"I see, I see"

The adult way of washing hair that Hikari said was one that doesn't use a shampoo hat, the one that washes the shampoo without looking down.

I told Hikari about that before, and since then, it looks like she started to like it.

"Yosh~yosh. Let's go next time"

"Un!"

"Myu~, myuu~!"

"O-chan said she wants to go too"

"Ahh, of course"

[Really, there's a limit on doting over her]

I ignored Eleanor's voice and patted the world's cutest Hikari's head.

"A-re～?"

"What's the matter, Hikari"

"Onee-chan.....what's the matter?"

Hikari looked at Caroline curiously.

I followed her gaze.....and noticed as well.

Caroline was frightened for some reason.

"What happened, Caroline"

"I'm scared....."

"Scared?"

I looked at the direction Caroline was looking at when she said she was scared.

And then.....it was Hikari.

"Hohe～?"

"Uu.....God～....."

Caroline looked very frightened. She hid on my back and held my clothes tightly. She clung to me.

"Is Hikari, scary?"

"No, that's not true at all. Hikari is the cutest in the world"

"But, Onee-chan....."

"Even so, that's not true at all～～"

[Enough already, you doting idiot]

Eleanor scolded me with a slightly strong tone while rolling her eyes.

"What's going on?"

[You should be glad Hikari]

"Hohe～? What do you mean, Okaa-san"

[It seems that that girl can see the one's soul at its bare state]

"The soul?"

[Umu. It can also be described as one's true nature. What is Hikari's identity?]

"Hikari's a Demon Sword you know? I'm Okaa-san's daughter after all"

Hikari answered promptly.

She did not have any doubts about that, reacting as if it was something obvious.

[Umu. Hikari is a Demon Sword. A Demon Sword only second to this Eleanor in this world. Looking at your true nature, it is only natural that she is frightened]

"I see～!"

".....it's like that huh"

I understand what Eleanor is saying. I also got a better understanding of Caroline's eyes.

But it felt complicated.

I couldn't be convinced that Hikari, this lovely and the world's cutest girl would be a cause of fear.

"Ehehe～.....Hikari became another step closer to Okaa-san again～"

[Umu. Continue to do your best]

"Un!"

But Hikari seems to like it and Eleanor and Hikari's conversation was the same as before.

Hikari became more of a Demon Sword.....and that was proven.

I probably should be happy about it just like how Hikari does.

[You heard her]

"Ehehe～"

Hikari hugged Chibi Dragon and spun around.

She's so cute after all. However, Caroline is still scared of her despite how cute she looks.

It was somewhat of a surreal scene.

Suddenly, I became curious.

I turned around, subtly hiding Hikari's appearance, and asked Caroline.

"By the way, how do I look from you?"

"God?"

"Yeah, me"

Will she be afraid after all?

I'm the "Demon Sword Wielder" or Eleanor and Hikari after all. I'm even using the dark aura in daily life.

I thought that I'd be on the side that would frighten her, so I asked.

[If I can corrupt you with just that, I've already possessed you a long time ago]

Eleanor said while rolling her eyes.

Ahh, I see.

My resistance against the Demon Sword is 777x too after all.

And just like what Eleanor said.

"God is God"

"Un?"

"You are very.....God.....-ly? God is God, different from everyone else"

Caroline continued to call me god while her eyes became even more fervent.

Chapter 291 – God and the Child of God

Caroline stared at me for a while.

Although her fervent eyes regained their calm, Caroline didn't stop staring at me.

"What's the matter, Caro——"

"God"

"——un? What is it?"

"I want to see many more kinds of people"

"Many kinds?"

"Un"

Caroline nodded clearly.

This might actually be the first time since we've met, the first time she "asked" something from me like this.

"I want to look at many many more people"

"Just look at them?"

"Un"

".....yosh, I got it"

I don't know what she's up to, but I wanted grant what she wants.

The current Caroline is completely different from when we just met.

During that time, her eyes were obscure, they were blank as if she did not have any goal.

But right now, it's the opposite. I don't know what "that" is, but her eyes are clearly showing her desire for "something".

If so, then I need to grant her need.

"Let's go on a capitals tour then"

"Capitals tour?"

Hikari tilted her head and repeated what I said.

"Yeah, we're going to go on all of the capitals of the five great kingdoms. Those cities have the most people after all"

"That sounds fun~! Can Hikari go too?"

"Of course"

I would always unconditionally listen to my cute Hikari's requests.

[Your sickness (being a doting parent) is getting worse]

Eleanor said while rolling her eyes.

I don't understand what she's saying so I didn't mind her.

After telling Nana I'll be back during the night, I warped away bringing Caroline and Hikari with me.



Calamba Kingdom's royal capital, Meteora.

We took a seat on a café terrace, giving Caroline the position where she could see the passersby well.

Caroline stared at the people come and go very intently.

"How is it? Do you think you can grasp anything?"

"....."

Caroline didn't answer.

She seemed to be so focused on the passersby that she couldn't hear my words.

"Onee-chan, she's so concentrated~"

"That's true. I'm curious what she's seeing and how she's seeing them"

"Even Otou-san doesn't know?"

"Not yet, at least. Although I can guess that it's something like her adjustment of the voice frequencies for her, there is still not enough information"

"Oh. But Onee-chan, she looks so pretty like that～"

"I agree"

Looking at Caroline watching the passersby, I found it pretty just like what Hikari said.

She had her lips closed, her eyebrows tight, with her eyes staring straight forward.

She looked as serious as she could be, making her very beautiful.

Suddenly, Caroline turned to me.

"What's the matter?"

"....."

But after staring at me for a while, she returned to watching the passersby once again.

"I wonder what it is～?"

"Who knows"

Although I don't understand her actions, I thought that I should let her do what she wants.

It was at that time. I heard high-pitched voices.

A group of women was moving at the same pace.

Looking closely, those women were surrounding a certain man.

The surrounded him while giggling and raising screams with laughter.

Taking another look, the man looked pretty handsome.

He has a swimmer's body and a handsome face. It's a good-looking guy enough to be a male idol.

[What the heck is that]

"An actor or maybe a singer——in this world, probably a bard or something? Or maybe he's a host.....what's the closest to a host here?"

While guessing, I tried to match the differences between this world and my

previous world.

[Hmm. That seems to be the case. He's pretty popular too, it seems]

"Is that so?"

[Look around him closely]

"Hmm.....? Heh~, there's a lot of girls who couldn't get near but watching from afar"

[It looks like about thirty percent of the women around her like that guy]

"Seems true"

She probably didn't notice the commotion. Caroline saw that group for the first time when they passed right in front of us.

She was staring straight up until then, but her eyes suddenly followed that group.

After they reached a distance where she can't see them anymore, Caroline looked towards me once again.

.....this, am I being compared?

That's probably so.

Caroline looked at many kinds of people, then look at me after doing that.

She's comparing me with other people. At least that's what it made me feel.

Although I didn't know why she's doing so, I let her do what she wants.



In the royal capital of the Aegina Kingdom, Rethim.

We're on the last part of our capitals tour. Under the setting sun, Caroline watched the passersby as she did in the four other capitals, and from time to time, she would look towards my direction.

I'm currently patting Hikari's head.

I patted Hikari who got tired and fell asleep and stared back at Caroline.

"God"

She was only comparing me to other people until now——but for the first time, Caroline opened her mouth.

"Un? Have you had enough?"

"Un, I've had enough"

"Have you grasped something?"

"God is God after all"

"You also said that before we went on the tour. Did you wanted to confirm that?"

"Un"

"I see"

"For what reason," I thought, but since Caroline is convinced by it, then I thought that that's fine too.

".....God"

"Un?"

Caroline reached out and took my hand.

She held my hand tightly, then brought it to her chest, hugging it strongly.

She used her hands to envelop my hands and hugged it tightly.

Her fingers were sinking to the back of my hand. She's holding it as tightly as she could.

"What's the matter, Caroline"

"I want God"

"Me?"

I thought of what she meant for an instant.

If she means it literally, then she's telling me she wants me to make love with her.

If it were anyone else within my harem, I would've instantly brought them to my bed after hearing them say such a cute line and loved them intensely.

But, it's a bit hard to say since it's Caroline.

I don't know if she's saying that "in that sense".

"God is so big, so bright, and so warm. He is different to any other; God is only God"

Her lines sounded a bit abstract, but it's probably her conclusion after this tour.

"Looking at God, I....."

Caroline was about to say it, but stopped.

She doesn't seem to have done it because of the usual shyness or embarrassment.

She had an expression saying that she wants to say something, yet cannot find the words to describe them.

That's why I took action from my side.

To confirm what the thing that she "wants" means literally what it is.

I reached out my hands, holding her chin and pulling her to me at the same time.

I gave the surprised Caroline a pecking kiss then stopped.

Caroline widened her eyes to surprise, but soon after.

She presses her lips strongly to mine.

She didn't even know how to close her eyes when kissing. She only pressed her lips to mine with eyes opened.

She——she strongly desires for me.

In other words, it was really like that.

I grabbed her on the shoulder and gently pushed her a little.

"Caroline"

"God?"

"Close your eyes, accept everything as it is"

"——! Yes!"

Seeing her eyes close, I brought her back to my mansion using my Warp Feather, and pushed her down on the bed.

[Kukuku, this must be incest since it's the God and the Child of God]

I flicked the joking Eleanor with my finger.

I looked at Caroline who desires me strongly. I took her clothes off and granted her wish.

Chapter 292 – It is Shining

I got off the bed and wore my clothes.

"God.....?"

Caroline called out to me from the bed.

She sat up while naked, but she didn't even have the intent to hide her body.

Probably because of her upbringing, she seems to have even less sense of shame compared to "queens" or "princesses".

"You should just rest there. You must be tired, no need to push yourself"

"Un. But God"

"Hm?"

"You haven't had enough?"

Although she asked that as a question, she sounded pretty sure.

She asked me in that kind of tone.

"You can tell?"

"Un, God's light, it changed when we were doing it, but it's still like that right now"

[Kukuku, she has completely seen through you, finding out that you're still aroused]

I flicked Eleanor with a finger.

It's not that I'm "still" aroused, I am "being" aroused.

I answered to Caroline's question.

"Yeah, I'm going to Nana's place right now. I told her I'd come tonight after all"

"Nana.....?"

"You don't remember her? She's the strongest— or rather"

I recalled Caroline's words.

"She's the woman as bright as the sun during the day"

"I remember her"

"I'm going to where she is right now"

"You're going, and do "that" to her?"

"You're right"

"....."

Caroline got silent.

She looked down, dropping her gaze to her legs. She seems to be thinking about something.

It was only a few tens of seconds that Caroline raised her head once again.

"Can I, watch?"

She asked, asking for something that would normally be an absurd request.



Inside my mansion, in a different bedroom.

Nana who was guided there by Miu was waiting.

She's not wearing her armor as usual. Instead, she's wearing long undergarments similar to hadajuban.

According to Nana, she's waiting for me wearing a "I've cleansed my body" attire.

I explained to her Caroline's request.

After listening to what I said until the end, Nana did not show any hesitation nor displeasure. She had an expression that seemed unaffected by that.

"Understood"

She answered.

"Are you sure? You're going to be watched"

"There is nothing to be ashamed in the act of receiving Aruji's affection. I do

not have anything to be ashamed of being seen"

"I see"

"And also....."

Nana looked at Caroline.

"Frankly speaking——both of us are Aruji's women, that is more of a reason to not refuse"

"You can tell?"

"The air around her is different from what it was earlier in the afternoon"

"Her air, huh"

Nana doesn't have eyes with special abilities like Caroline——although I've given her the lottery cheat additional attack, she doesn't have something that could be called a special ability.

Nana Kanou is only an "ordinarily amazing sword master".

That's why I understood her saying "the air around her is different".

"Yosh, let's start"

"Ha!"

"I've also said this to Nikki and the others. When we're doing this, it's better if you relax a bit more"

".....yes"

Nana slightly blushed and placed her forefingers together in front of her chest.

Seeing the strongest woman instantly become cute, I pushed her on the bed.

While feeling Caroline's gaze, I gently yet strongly made love with Nana matching it with her.



After about roughly six hours of battling with Nana, I left her exhausted on the bed and faced Caroline.

She was still in her same position when I brought her into this room, she was watching us just like that.

"How was it? Did you find out anything?"

"The light got stronger"

"Nana's did?"

Caroline nodded.

"The blinding shine became even more blinding. Is it because of God?"

"I wonder. I don't know too"

I'm not doing it in that intention after all.

I only adored how a good woman Nana is.

I didn't do anything like making her become brighter just like what Caroline said.

".....will I, become even brighter after doing it with God?"

"I don't know about that, with two reasons"

"What about the other people?"

"You want to try?"

"Un, I want to"

Caroline nodded, so after giving it a thought, I decided to accept her request.



In the town of Aion, in Solon's church.

I was waiting inside Caroline's room, until she brought a girl with her.

It's a girl that looked like a town's girl.

"Sorry to keep you waiting.....is God here?"

As she entered, Caroline looked around searching for me.

I'm enveloped by my camouflage aura, so they can't see me.

"Yeah, I'm here"

"Please, this girl"

"Uhm.....is there really God's message?"

"Un, with yourself, you should receive God's.....uhm?"

"Grace"

I used a word that probably sounds like it and told Caroline.

"You are going to receive God's grace. You don't want to?"

"It's not that I don't, I just.....can't believe it"

The girl brought by Caroline started fidgeting.

I approached the girl while enveloped by my aura and kissed her.

She looked surprised by the sudden action. However, she probably interpreted "invisible = work of God", so she immediately relaxed and leaned her body to mine.

I made love with the girl while Caroline was watching.



After we finished the deed, I let the girl sleep on the bed, and appeared in front of Caroline after removing my aura.

"How was it?"

"She started to shine"

"That means, she wasn't shining before?"

"Un, I brought someone like that"

[Hou, she's unexpectedly smart]

Eleanor was impressed.

"Ah.....!"

"What happened?"

"The light.....it disappeared"

"It disappeared ?"

"Un, she stopped shining like earlier"

Caroline looked at the girl on the bed with a troubled expression.

"But she was shining.....why?"

"You want to take a look at Nana?"

"Un"

I took out my Warp Feather and warped to the bedroom where Nana is.

She's still lying on the bed, breathing silently and rhythmically.

"How is it?"

"The light is still as strong"

"It hasn't gotten dimmer huh"

"Un, what does this mean.....?"

Caroline looked even more troubled. She even started to look like she's about to cry.

[Hmm]

"Did you find out anything, Eleanor?"

[This is only a hypothesis]

"Tell me"

[When looking at a person, you know that there are different ways to describe them depending on the person right?]

"Un? Ahh, Caroline calls it light and Nana calls it air. Is that what you're talking about?"

[Umu. In your case, it's whether it's a good woman or not]

"I see, it's how good a woman they are, huh"

[That's right. Soon after sleeping with you, they would get better as a woman, however—you should be able to guess what's next, right?]

"Yeah, I do"

I could really relate to that.

It's because all of the "good women" around me is like that.

Although the words we describe it might be different, all of them has a clear awareness of "becoming a good woman".

They would be strongly aware of that, and as they do things, they would make themselves grow.

All of my women are ones who have the awareness of becoming stronger themselves in their own way. Not just waiting for something given by others.

That's why their light doesn't disappear.

Based on that, I looked at Caroline.

She still has an expression that's about to cry.

She's probably worried that her "light" might disappear.

The way she looked, it was somewhat similar to my other women.

"Don't worry, Caroline"

I placed an arm around her waist and pulled her to me, then gave her a short kiss.

"You are shining"

"Really?"

"Yeah, I guarantee it"

When I said that to her, Caroline looked like a lost child finding her parent.

Her expression changed to that of mixed relief and happiness.

Chapter 293 – Caroline’s Mirror

Morning the next day.

Caroline is “watching” Miu beside me while I’m eating the breakfast served by Miu.

She’s staring at Miu very intently as she was serving our food.

"What’s the matter, Caroline"

"I’m curious, she’s shining but sometimes not shining"

"Ahh, two of the three Miu’s are puppets.....well, that probably doesn’t make sense huh. The one with the light is the original Miu, and the ones without light are the puppets Miu is controlling"

"They’re puppets.....that’s why they won’t shine"

"That’s right"

Even after finding out the trick, Caroline continued to observe Miu as she left and entered the room.

Miu looked a bit uncomfortable being stared at, but even so, it’s amazing that she doesn’t let her work get affected by it.

"Ah!"

"What’s the matter.....ah, Nana huh"

I followed Caroline’s gaze when she raised her voice and saw Nana enter instead of Miu.

"So blinding....."

Caroline whispered. It’s only natural.

[It didn’t end with just your daughter huh. You started to brag about your woman]

"After all, she’s a good woman no matter who looked"

"Aruji. I am very sorry to trouble you, but I would like to ask for a request"

"What is it? Tell me"

"The slave troops have not fought with Aruji for a while now"

"Hm? Ahh, now that you mentioned it. The last time was——during that case in Aegina huh"

[Hmm. It feels like it's already been a year since though]

I flicked Eleanor for making dangerous remarks and looked at Nana.

"What's wrong with that?"

"And in the meantime, Aruji has achieved various feats. Especially the episode where you went to the past——you must have experienced an amazing adventure and achieved growth that it is impossible for us to imagine. And so——"

Nana became even more serious, staring at me with a sharp gaze.

"I wish to let everyone see Aruji's full power right now"

"My full power, huh"

"I understand that this is impolite, but please!"

Nana bowed her head.

She's not just strong, but this part of her is also what makes her a good woman.

I did not say anything. I only stood up from my seat, placed an arm around Nana's waist, and pulled for a kiss.

That was enough for a reply.



After eating breakfast, we're in the training grounds of my residence.

The slave soldiers gathered there and I stood in front of them.

I was going to use my full power, so I brought Hikari as well in her Demon Sword form.

"Well, that's fine as well but, full power.....full power huh"

I thought about full power, with what?

I looked around.

I see the 200 slave soldiers and Nana standing in front of them.

There is Caroline and Miu behind me, and at a distance, I saw Althea being “just Althea” show up, although she would usually not show herself and just idle around my mansion.

Adding the fact that my women are watching me, it makes me want to do something amazing.

I’ve already done the 200 vs 1 Musou, and it’s a bit too common.

"Myu~, myuu~"

When I was deep in my thoughts like that, I heard the Chibi Dragon Olivia cry below, and she pushed her body to me.

Olivia.....Olivia huh.

And.....Miu too.

"——Yosh. I’ve decided. Nana, move aside"

"Ha!"

"All of you 200 slave soldiers, spread out. Take enough space thinking that your training opponent is in front of you and the mock battle is about to start"

""""Ha!""""

The slave soldiers responded with a perfectly coordinated shout and spread out as I have told them.

"Yosh——lend speed to Nana Kanou"

【Speed will be lent to Nana Kanou. Time Remaining: 2 minutes 59 seconds】

"And, Copy Plus"

The lottery skills, lending abilities, and copy plus.

I lent Nana who has an amazing speed my 777x multiplier and copied her speed adding it to mine.

I have 777x Nana's speed right now.

I made clones by taking advantage of that speed.

It's not clones that have a real substance. They're just clones made by my afterimages using brute speed.

I created exactly 200 clones, just enough for each slave soldiers.

My growth for a while.

Miu's Puppet Master and Hikari and Eleanor's drake soldiers summons.

What I came up with combining both were these 200 clones.

Seeing the huge numbers of clones, the slave soldiers got surprised and confused, unable to take actions.

""Yosh, all of you. Come at me""

I continued to urge the stunned slave soldiers.

""If you can land a blow on me, I'll spend a whole day adoring you one on one""

""!!!!!!""

Instantly, the eyes of the slave soldiers lit up.

All of them readied their weapons, then attacked all at once.

I glanced at Nana.

Although I feel bad for doing this after baiting the slave soldiers, I followed Nana's scheme.

In the state of having 200 clones, I won against the 200 slave soldiers.

200 vs 200.

In a state where it's difficult to tell whether it's musou or not, I easily took care of everyone.



After losing, the slave soldiers looked frustrated and at the same time, looked like they have fallen for me even more.

Their eyes were filled with a mix of those two emotions.

And soon after, Nana stood up in front of those slave soldiers.

"You are too weak to receive Aruji's love one on one right now. Begin training!"

With that command, the slave soldiers started moving.

They looked like they're training harder, with their drills becoming fiercer and harder than the day before.

[Kukuku, this was her aim huh]

"That's seems to be the case"

[With this, these lasses will grow even more. Maybe someday, all of them might be able to land a blow on you. You won't have enough body to use]

"In that case, that's what you call a pleasant problem"

I said that and watched Nana and the slave soldiers train.

Suddenly, I felt someone's gaze from the side.

I looked and saw Caroline standing beside me, staring at me very intently.

"What's the matter, Caroline"

"God, what happened, what was that?"

"Hm? What do you mean?"

"That person's light became super strong, and after that, God's light became stronger too"

"Ahh, the Copy Plus huh"

I explained to her the lottery skill Copy Plus.

"Copy....."

"Well, it's like giving something as it is"

"Giving.....as it is....."

"It's something like a mirror"

"A mirror....."

Caroline fell into deep thought.

"What's the matter"

"....."

She didn't answer, only continued to think.

After a while, she looked up to me.

"God"

"Hm?"

"How is it?"

"What do you——," the instant I thought of that.

"UOO?!!"

I couldn't help but cover my eyes.

A light so bright I've never seen before blinded me when I looked ahead.

It was like——looking at the sun using a binocular.

It was a light as bright as that.

[Umu. It was as blinding as that]

"Did you saw it?"

"Did I saw.....? Was that you right now?"

"Un.....I thought that I wanted God to see it. It went well....."

I asked back after the light calmed down, still rubbing my eyes.

"What do you mean?"

"I let God see the light as it is"

"God.....you mean me?"

"I expressed myself as a mirror, showing God the light in itself"

"A mirror....."

[Kukuku, this is a masterpiece]

[Otou-san's so amazing～! So bright～!]

The light that felt as if I was looking at the sun using binoculars, according to Caroline, it was my light.

Chapter 294 – Demon Sword and Light

As soon as Caroline stopped letting me “see” it, the blinding light disappeared.

The ability that she awakened, it was the power to see the light of souls.

I got a bit interested in how she’s seeing the people around her with those eyes.

"Caroline"

"What is it, God?"

"Who has the strongest light in this mansion?"

"God"

Caroline answered instantly.

She had an unwavering expression as if she was just saying what’s natural.

[Kukuku]

"Other than me"

"If it’s other than God.....that person wearing a mantle"

"Nana huh. Well, I guessed so"

"Also, that small something in the mansion’s direction"

"Small something?"

Was there something like that?

"It cries like myu～ myuu～....."

Seeing me tilt my head, Caroline added with a fading voice.

"Ahh, Olivia huh. I see, she’s a small something"

[The ex-Dragon King, of course her light is strong]

[O-chan’s amazing～]

"Also, that person idling around"

I'm starting to get Caroline's descriptions.

Up until now, she was not interested in humans—no, she wasn't interested in anything other than "god", so she doesn't remember their names.

That's why, she calls them exactly "how she saw them".

"By idling around, you mean Althea huh"

"These three has the strongest"

"I see"

[In other words, the most special within your harem huh]

[Hikari will go and tell O-chan~!]

After saying that, Hikari returned to her human form from her Demon Sword form—but soon after.

"Hiii!"

Caroline who was calm up until then raised a scream and her body turned stiff.

"Onee-chan?"

"What's the matter, Caroline?ahh, you're afraid of Hikari huh. Good for you, Hikari"

"Un! Hikari's being a true Demon Sword~!"

Hikari smiled innocently.

Hikari who has a special "look" with Caroline's eyes.

She said that it's very dark, completely opposite to light.

With Eleanor's education, Hikari started to think proud of that. However, as I've thought, it isn't good to let Caroline see something she's afraid of for a long time.

"Hikari, go play with Olivia"

"Un!"

Hikari cutely trotted away.

Hmm~, she's so cute after all. She's so cute I almost feel like hearing cute, comical anime sounds with every step she takes.

[You doting parent]

Say what you want.

After seeing Hikari off, I looked at Caroline.

She had a clearly relieved expression.

"By the way, you suddenly got afraid of Hikari"

"Un, she suddenly appeared after all"

"Well, that's when she turned to her human form, but she was here as a Demon Sword right?"

"I didn't see the light when she's a sword"

"Hm?"

[Hou.....then how about me?]

Eleanor asked with a very interested tone.

And when I told Caroline what she said.

"How.....? A normal sword?"

"Isn't her light——or rather, doesn't she look dark, corrupted, and rotten?"

[Who are you calling rotten]

Eleanor protested.

"Un, there's nothing"

"Hmm.....what do you think?"

[Although this is just my guess.....try to let go of me. Let me see, you should leave me here and go at a distance away]

"I got it"

I did what Eleanor said, putting her on the ground and took some distance.

I was thinking of what would happen——but it was quicker than I expected.

It was when I'm about ten meters away.

As soon as I became that far away from Eleanor, Caroline released a scream again.

After looking that for a second, I returned, picked up Eleanor, and asked Caroline.

"Did you see it?"

"It was so dark.....darker than the one before"

[I am Hikari's mother after all]

"You seem satisfied"

[Kukuku, naturally]

Eleanor said with a pleased laugh. She sounded even more cheerful than usual, sounding especially happy.

Leaving aside Eleanor, I asked Caroline.

"Are you okay right now?"

"God is holding it, so I'm okay"

"It got hidden within the light huh"

[Is there a difference in the brightness of your light, when you're holding me or not?]

I told Caroline what Eleanor asked.

"Not at all, God is God. God is always bright and shining"

It looks like the light of my soul isn't affected by the Demon Sword.

She said that it's enough to one-sidedly envelope the "fear" of the Demon Sword.

[That doesn't sound interesting]

Although Eleanor said that, unlike her words, she sounded satisfied with it.

Chapter 295 – The Mirror of Truth

In the training grounds of the Goshaku residence, Caroline watched the slave soldiers training intently.

Suddenly, she exclaimed “ah!”.

"What's the matter, Caroline"

"That person, her light became a bit brighter"

"Hm? That is.....Nikki huh"

"It's flickering"

"Flickering.....huh"

Caroline nodded silently.

I looked at Nikki.

Nikki, the captain of the first platoon of the slave troops, is swinging her sword as she's training her subordinates.

The higher ranked would spar with those with lower ranks. Because of that, Nikki did not stop swinging her sword as her subordinates continued to attack her one next to the other.

Every time her opponent changed, Nikki makes a certain gesture.

She does that gesture every time the training—the mock battle starts.

"A routine huh"

"Routine?"

Caroline tilted her head.

"Ahh, a habit.....should I call it? By making a pattern of the preparatory actions, it increases one's performance during the real fight"

"???"

Caroline tilted her head.

She doesn't understand with just that huh. It might be better if I give her an example.

After thinking for a while.

"Caroline prays to god right?"

"Un, I pray to God"

"Are the contents of your prayer different every day?"

".....un, it's a bit different"

"But every day, you place your hands together"

".....I do"

"That action of placing your hands together is the routine. By placing your hands together you will be preparing yourself as telling your body "I am going to offer my prayers to god""

"By praying with my hands together, the light would get stronger"

That is a bit off, but.....well whatever, I thought.

I looked at Nikki again.

Her routine every time the mock matches start, she was making a gesture as if to pray to something.

And when I was looking at her for a while like that, my eyes met Nikki's as she made her routine.

"Ah! Her light got stronger"

"It did huh"

"Un.God"

"What's the matter?"

"I want to return to Ainon"

Caroline looked straight at me.

Unusually, a request coming from her.



I took out my Warp Feather and brought Caroline to Aion.

I enveloped myself with my camouflage aura, making me invisible.

Caroline approached a believer that was always around in the church and said something to that believer.

That person was surprised, saying “what is this light!”.

It looks like Caroline used her awakened ability to show that person their light.

"It is your light"

"My light?"

"The light of your soul"

".....haa"

"Pray"

"Pray.....? You mean now?"

"Un.....pray to God"

"That's alright, but....."

The believer didn't continue, but had an expression asking “what is this all about”.

Even so, that believer lost to Caroline's eagerness, so that person prayed with hands together.

After a while——

"Wa! The light got stronger"

"Un"

"This is.....?"

"By praying to God, the light gets stronger"

When Caroline answered like that, the other believers who were watching from a distance were stirred.

[Hou? It gets stronger huh]

"It's what they call "those who believe shall be saved""

[Kukuku, that's an interesting phrase]

While Eleanor was making a lively laugh like that, the believers who were watching approached.

"This is.....my soul?"

"Ahh! I was, after all, a person this small....."

"But, it got stronger when I prayed"

They raised heated discussions.

Their emotions started to whirl around, the energy gradually increased.

The movement of those disordered emotions started to make a swirl.

"Since we're at it, let's give them some boost"

[How are you going to do that?]

"Let me see....."

I approached Caroline while enveloped by my camouflage aura and called out to her.

"Caroline"

"God"

When Caroline said that, the surroundings were stirred.

The oracle of the Child of God, it is something that happened many times now.

Some of the believers kneeled as quickly as they could, placing their hands together.

Well then, it's show time.

I adjusted my camouflage aura.....making it retain its divineness.

"The power I have given you, you are using it well"

"T-This is?"

"I can hear a voice"

"This voice, is it God?!"

I made it so that not only Caroline, but everyone in this place can hear me, while hiding my appearance.

While everyone else was confused, Caroline replied as she would usually do.

"Un, I am making everyone see the light of their soul"

"You must continue to show them. That power.....the Mirror of Truth"

The believers became agitated.

I can hear the words "Mirror of Truth" being said from here and there.

I could see eyes full of expectations and reverence.

Those gazes that continued to get stronger were pointed towards Caroline.

Words are important.

The difference between possessing an "unknown" power and possessing the "Mirror of Truth" announced in god's words are worlds apart.

The light that Caroline showed, the change in before and after praying.

That became a foundation, supporting the power of the words "Mirror of Truth".

As a result.

Their reverence——it got stronger almost endlessly, and all of it was pointed towards Caroline.

The Mirror of Truth of the Child of God.

The word of it quickly spread out, making Caroline's fame increase further.

It was not only limited to Aion. Believers from all over the world came to visit Caroline to pray in front of her.

While the election for the position of the Pope got nearer, Caroline's fame became as solid as a rock.

Chapter 296 – Divinification

On this day as well, Caroline is watching the believers pray.

Enveloped with my camouflage aura, I watched over her invisible.

The believers offer their prayers, and as they did, Caroline would show them “the light of their soul”.

Most of the people who saw the light of their souls were convinced.

Firstly, they have the preconception that “it is their own selves”.

Following that, there is the influence of it being shown to them by the “Child of God”.

And furthermore, the light gets stronger after their prayers—it seems that this part depends on how strong the faith and prayer of the person in question.

The news about that was spread everywhere by those who would repeatedly come, leading to the gathering of the believers from all over the continent around Caroline.

On the other hand, Caroline herself was staring at the one praying.

Learning how to enjoy looking at people, she would observe those who have come to visit her.

"Ah.....!"

Suddenly, Caroline raised her voice.

The Child of God who was dealing with them with a practical and flowing way showed a different reaction than usual.

The surroundings were stirred. The girl who was Caroline was observing looked confused.

"Uhm.....did I do anything wrong?"

"Not at all, you are shining brightly. You have the brightest light for today"

"Ah!"

""""Ohh!!""""

Caroline showed the others the light of the girl.

It's true that it was one of the brightest among the believers who came to visit Caroline.

"I would wish God would make you even brighter"

"Is that possible?"

"It is, with God"

Caroline answered instantly.

I mean, God=me, and since she's telling me to make her brighter, she means——

[Sleep with her. That's what she means]

It's probably that.

I gave the girl another look.

Her age is about that of a high school student, and she seems to be a lady from a wealthy family.

Though she's not the type that is sheltered and frail, she's the type of a lady brought up well in a proper family.

In Caroline's standards, she has the "brightest light for today", and in my standard.....let me see.

Probably someone who would become a good woman.

Since that's the case, there's no need for me to hold back.

"Caroline"

"God!"

I called out to her while enveloped with my camouflage aura. Even in this state, Caroline is still able to hear my voice.

The surroundings made a commotion because she said "God!" loudly.

"I'll make her light stronger. Tell her to close her eyes and accept everything"

"I got it!"

"Just continue to let everyone else see her light"

"Un!"

Caroline told the girl my words.

The lady-like girl was surprised for an instant but nodded with a delightful expression in the next.

"I understood!"

After saying that, she slowly closed her eyes.

I enveloped her with my camouflage aura.

"S-She disappeared"

"But, but she was there a moment ago....."

"Was she summoned by God?!"

The surroundings were stirred.

The instant I enveloped her with my camouflage aura, no one can see her anymore, so they were surprised by that.

I reached out my hand and touched the girl's cheek.

The girl flinched.

"Accept everything"

That's all that I said.

"——! Yes!"

The nodded made a huge nod and relaxed her body while closing her eyes.

I gave the girl her "grace".

"Ohhh!"

"The light, the light is becoming stronger!"

"We must be witnessing God's miracle!"

The girl who was in the church a moment ago was summoned by god and the

light of her soul became a level stronger.

Everyone in that place, everyone other than Caroline.

They kneeled, praised god=me, and offered their prayers.

"Caroline"

"What is it, God"

"I'll leave the selection to you. Just tell me if there are those who you want their lights to become stronger"

"I got it. I'll pray to God if I find someone whose light is better to be stronger"

""""Ohhhhhh!""""

Although they could only hear half of the conversation because they could only hear Caroline, even so, the believers were agitated.

Caroline's position of being the "Child of God" became even sturdier.

Chapter 297 – A Clumsy God

Along the way to the village called Patras near Ainon.

Caroline is there walking together with the believers of the Solon Church she brought with her. I'm following her while my appearance is hidden by my camouflage aura.

"Haa.....haa....."

"Are you alright, Caroline-sama"

"Do you wish to take a break?"

The believers who followed Caroline asked worriedly.

"I'm fine, more importantly, let's hurry to the village"

"We do not need to hurry, it is not like Patras would disappear"

"That's true. Or rather, there is a church school in Ainon made for Patras, so we could've let them come instead"

Caroline slowly shook her head after hearing the believers' words.

"I want to see everyone's soul as they are usually. That's why I'm going"

Hearing Caroline's words, the believers were surprised for an instant, then got impressed.

"Understood. If that is so, please drink water at the very least"

"You can do it while walking, so. Please"

"Un, thank you"

The group headed towards Patras while supporting Caroline.

[Kukuku, she's finally had a charisma pulling others]

"Yeah, it's not just because she's the Child of God. They are following her due to her own charisma"

Although I'm enveloped by my camouflage aura, Caroline can still hear my voice.

So I watched over her from a distance where she wouldn't hear my voice, while chatting with Eleanor.

[With this, there shouldn't be any problem for her to become the Pope]

"Instead, I'm bothered by whether pushing that role to her is okay"

[Hmm. In the first place, it was something that that Immortal Saintess didn't want to do after all]

"If Caroline didn't awaken, I would've pushed it to her without any problem"

[Since this has happened, you want to respect her will huh. Kukuku, you are really soft to good women]

Eleanor teased me, so I flicked her blade with a finger, creating a beautiful sound.

Suddenly—a group appeared in front of Caroline's group.

It was a group of armed men, they look like bandits.

I counted them with a glance and saw roughly a hundred of them—there's quite a lot of them.

"He, he, he....."

"Today's a good day. I didn't think we'd meet such organized prey in this crappy place"

The two men in front of them approached Caroline with vulgar expressions.

The faces of the believers changed.

"C-Caroline-sama"

"Please run away"

Although their faces paled, all of them showed enough courage to prioritize Caroline's escape.

[Just this number of enemy, you should clean them up quickly]

".....no, wait"

[Umu? What's the matter]

"Caroline seems a bit strange"

I looked at Caroline while I said that.

In comparison to the people around her being scared and limp, Caroline wasn't afraid.

She stared straight at the group of bandits with clear eyes.

"W-What's the matter, Caroline-sama"

"I'm going to take a look"

"Look.....? You mean——eh?"

"Are you saying, the light of those bandits' soul?"

The believers were stirred.

Most of them were like "why at a time like this".

"Ah.....! It's dim....."

The next instant, Caroline showed a disappointed expression.

"It's true. Oh wait! This isn't the time for that"

"Since you've taken a look, please hurry up and run away"

Caroline showed the believers the light of their soul as usual, but the bandits looked like they didn't care, they weren't surprised.

And while that happened, the roughly 100 bandits got closer, they're finally right in front of Caroline.

[Let's do it]

"Yeah"

I nodded and sprinted while unsheathing Eleanor.

From a distance where my voice couldn't be heard——I instantly appeared near the bandits and swung Eleanor.

Blood clouds danced and added the fact that I'm invisible, the bandits were slashed without resistance.

"Guhaa!"

"W-What happ—UGYAAAA!"

"What is—GOFHUHU!"

The bandits fell into panic. All of them didn't understand what's happening, dying without even knowing how to counterattack or resist.

I glanced at Caroline and saw the other believers as well.

Most of them looked stunned, as if they completely cannot follow the situation.

"Let's do it, Eleanor!"

[Umu? Ahh, that divine punishment huh]

Eleanor understood my intent correctly due to our long relationship.

I pulled out Eleanor's powers and dropped a dark lightning.

One by one, I dropped a dark lightning in each of the slaughtered bandits.

"It's God"

"It's divine punishment! This, I've seen this before"

The believers became stirred.

I've done it before and there is some among them who witnessed it.

Divine punishment towards those disrespectful ones, trying to attack the Child of God.

That story spread within the believers.

—and.

"Hmph!"

I cleaved Eleanor horizontally, releasing a flying slash.

The huge boulder that is several tens of meters away was sharply torn apart.

The believers looked confused, they didn't know what happened.

One woman appeared from the other side of the crumbling boulder.

It's a woman wearing high-class clerical clothes of the Solon Church.

It's a woman I've met before, if I'm correct.....was it Eudora?

[You are really soft on women]

"Haa? What do you mean"

I asked Eleanor back, but the answer came from a different direction.

"Head Priest.....eh? No way"

"It's dim.....no, this it's dark even"

"Ehhhhhhh?! That person is like.....this? ——Ha! Don't tell me, this group of bandits were....."

The ability activated by Caroline was also used on Eudora, letting the believers see the light of her soul.

[Kukuku, although you completely forget about men, you still remember a woman's no matter how bad they are]

"Mu!"

Usually, I'm able to refute Eleanor with our usual bantering, but this time made me feel a bit embarrassed.

Chapter 298 – Pope Caroline

Head Priest Eudora.

With her elegant beauty and friendly attitude, she has many supporters within the Solon Church, but there are rumors going around about her dirty soul appearing in front of the Child of God's "Mirror of Truth".

In the beginning, it was only rumored, but she faced off with Caroline many times during official occasions, and her dirty soul was exposed every time. And soon after, she stopped appearing at places where Caroline would be present.

Her image of being a black-bellied woman who is only beautiful on the surface was completely established, making her fall as quick as the blink of an eye.



During the night in my mansion, on top of the bedroom's bed.

Beside the sleeping "just Althea", I sat up and got deep into my thoughts.

Although I thought of many things, I couldn't find an answer.

[You should just ask her]

".....I guess so"

As Eleanor said, there's no helping it even if I worry about it.

Either way, if she tells me she doesn't want to, then I'll find another way.

[Kukuku]

Eleanor didn't say anything, she only laughed ringing her throat.

It's a laugh that's even worse than saying anything directly, so I reached out my hand and flicked her with a finger.

And in that bedroom where a clear sound echoed, the door was opened slowly.

The one who appeared was——it was Caroline.

Still having no custom of knocking, the door was soon opened and she

entered her head to take a peek.

"God?"

"What's the matter?"

"God, are you okay?"

"Hm?"

"What does she mean?," I tilted my head. And seeing that, Caroline completely entered the room and sat beside me.

After getting closer, she saw Althea sleeping silently.

"Ah! An amazing person"

"Is she amazing even while asleep?"

"Un, she's amazing even while asleep.....she's so amazing....."

Caroline let out an impressed sigh.

It looks like, to her special eyes, the Great Sage Althea is shining so brightly.

If I leave her alone, she might stare at her the whole night, so I interrupted her.

"Didn't you have something you need from me?"

"Ah, un"

Caroline looked away from Althea and stared at me.

"God, do you have something, you want to say?"

".....you can tell?"

"Un"

"Did my light flicker or something?"

"Not at all, God's light wouldn't weaken by just that. I just felt that you want to say something"

Caroline said without worry and guess.

Just like what she said, it looks like she really just felt it like that.

"You even started to be able to tell that"

"After seeing many people, I could somewhat tell"

"Regardless of their light?"

Caroline made a clear nod.

"That's amazing"

"Is that so?"

"Normally, people wouldn't be able to go so far. You must've been really serious in observing people"

It's that Caroline.

So since she came from her side, I thought that I should stop worrying about it myself.

"I'll ask you frankly, would you like to become the Pope?"

"Pope?"

"Yeah"

"What will happen if I do?"

"You'll become important"

"....."

Caroline tilted her head.

She looks like she doesn't understand enough if I only told her she'd become important.

"What happens if I do?"

"That's a difficult question. Being important is having an authority, there are countless people whose goal is to be one"

I almost said "just like Eudora" but I stopped.

Receiving my words, Caroline gave it a thought.

"Does God, wants me to be one?"

"I did, at least before. In the beginning, I acted so that you could be one"

"I see. If I become it.....would my time to look at people decrease?"

"No, it might even increase instead"

[Umu. When one becomes important and with authority, they would meet many people all the time]

"I'll become one then"

Caroline answered instantly.

She answered so easily, that I was even surprised.

"Are you sure?"

"I can see more people right? Then I will"

".....I see"

"Fu," I laughed.

It was an answer that really sounded like Caroline.

And Caroline who made such an answer looked pleasing——she looked endearing.

[That also really sound like you]

I flicked Eleanor with a finger for trying to spoil my good mood with a splash of cold water.

After that, I pulled Caroline into an embrace.

"God"

"I'll tell you properly this time. You should become the Pope"

"Un, I will"

"I'll tell you later what you're going to do"

"I got it. I'll do what God says——God"

"Un?"

"I, I feel a bit strange"

"What happened?"

"Seeing God happy just like now, it makes me happy too. I wonder if I used the mirror too much——"

I kissed Caroline who unconsciously spat out adorable lines and pushed her on the bed.



I've confirmed Caroline's willingness.

Caroline, the Child of God.

Caroline, who pushed forward the idea of the church schools.

Caroline, who could let one see the light of their soul through the Mirror of Truth.

Half of it was due to her own abilities——and half of it was due to the help of Delfina, Helene, and the other royalty.

With all of those mixed together.

Caroline easily won the Pope elections.

She became the "new" Solon Church's Pope.

The Book Of Agnes

Chapter 299 – Agnes is a Girl

One day, early in the afternoon.

I left the bedroom with an arm placed around Caroline's shoulder.

After staying for the night, she suddenly told me that she wants to go home with her own efforts.

"Are you sure? It will only be an instant if I take you back"

"It's okay. I want to see many kinds of people while I return"

"I see"

Observing people have really become Caroline's hobby.

She's a whole lot different, compared to when she could only see god=me, and didn't even have an interest in others.

"Since that's the case, I'll give you a piece of advice "

"Advice?"

"You should take a good look at angry people. People would usually show their true nature when they are angry"

"Really?"

"Yeah. Although those who are drunk also show their true selves, it would be somewhat an exaggerated version. If one were to choose, it's better to look at angry people"

"Un. Thank you God"

After staring at me with a grateful gaze, she turned around and walked away.

[She hasn't changed at all even after becoming the Pope]

"After all, she doesn't seem to be interested in authority at all. Though that also leads to her popularity"

[The most important thing is only her god's words, she's treating the rest with a stoic attitude. She is almost perfect as a devotee of a religion. That is also why it is dangerous for her]

"Hm?"

[Leaving aside that lass, most of the head priests around her are worldly-minded. There is no guaranteeing that she might not be involved with something dangerous]

"If that happens, I'll just solve the problem"

[Hmph, I guess so]

"Rather than that"

[Umu?]

"I didn't get a lottery ticket after Caroline got chosen as the Pope"

[.....now that you've mentioned it, there was none]

"There should be something that would happen involving her soon. Although I already have my guesses"

[Umu, I guess so]

Eleanor nodded, seeming as if she deliberately didn't say anything.

Ever since I was teleported into this world, I have a rough guess with how the events are being resolved.

Every time a huge event was cleared, there would always be a special lottery ticket that would drop.

In this case, it was not about Caroline becoming the Pope.

So it's only natural to think that there would be something else.

The evil beings.

Those devil-like existences that got involved with all five great kingdoms.

From them, I have heard the name Solon.

But right now, it has yet to appear. And there isn't a lottery ticket that dropped during the event with Caroline.

So it's natural that I would think there's something remaining.

Nonetheless, there's no sign of anything happening, so when I was thinking what should I do for the day.

"Ah.....!"

"Ghe!"

From the corner where Caroline disappeared, two girls showed themselves.

One of them is carrying a huge sword while wearing a bikini armor, the female warrior, Agnes.

The other is clad with clerical clothes and has an air of a faithful believer, the priest that has a graceful air around her, Julia.

As soon as they saw me, they had dispirited expressions in their own style.

"Why are you here"

Agnes said.

"This is my mansion though. I should ask you—well, I probably don't need to"

"Yes. We have come to pick up Onee-sama. We are planning to go on a subjugation quest today"

"I see. Io is in her own room"

I said and tried to let the two of them pass by.

However, they didn't move, they only looked at me, maybe slightly glaring.

"What's the matter?"

"That girl right now, who in the world is she"

"Hm? The girl right now?"

"It is the person we passed by a moment ago"

"Tch, a new woman"

"Ahh, Caroline huh. Don't you know her? She's the Solon Church's new Pope"

"Ehhh?!"

"No way....."

Agnes and Julia were surprised.

Agnes busily closed and opened her mouth and Julia was alternating her gaze at me and the direction where they passed Caroline by.

"O-Oi. Don't tell me.....although I don't believe this.....since she was here, means....."

"Hm? What's the matter"

"W-Was that girl, y-y-your——"

"Ahh, that's what you meant. Yeah, she's my woman"

When I answered her casually, Agnes busily closed and opened her mouth again.

".....you're the worst"

On the other hand, Julia looked at me as if she was looking at something disgusting.

Agnes and Julia. The two of them were like since we've met.

On the other hand——

"Huh? Agnes, Julia too"

"——Ane-san!"

"Onee-sama!"

The two of them instantly turned into a different person.

As soon as their idol Io appeared from the back of the mansion, the two girls ran up to her with faces full of smiles.

Io, Agnes, and Julia.

These three are usually in a party and Agnes and Julia admires——worships Io.

In a sense, their relationships are similar to me and Caroline who just left.

"Kakeru-san"

On the other hand, Io is my woman.

Even after she started living in my mansion, every time she sees me like now, she would run up to me with a smiling face.

"Good morning, Kakeru-san"

"Yeah, are you out for a quest today?"

"Yes. It was reported that Demon Fish appeared in a certain lake, so we received a request to subjugate them"

"Are you alright?"

"I'll do my best!"

Io made a small guts pose while holding her favorite magic staff.

Her trademark, being full of energy, and that pose of hers was cute too.

I placed a hand to her chin then gave her a short kiss.

"Ahh!!"

"Again....."

Agnes and Julia who were behind Io raised their voices, but I ignored them.

"Kakeru-san....."

It's because Io made a happy expression.

"Go do your best"

"Un! I will!"

Io made another energetic pose. She looked so cute again that it made me a bit agitated——but next instant, Agnes and Julia held Io's arms from behind, taking her away like a prisoner.

"W-Wait. We should take some time——"

"Let's hurry up and go, Ane-san"

"Yes, that person who requested the subjugation of the Demon Fishes must be troubled even in this instant"

The two girls said convincing words and disappeared from the corner along with Io.

Well then, what should I do now, really.

I saw the three off from the window as they left the mansion, and while I did that, I was thinking of whose place to go.

It was at that time.

With roars that made the atmosphere tremble and the sound of metals echoing, Nana and Olivia appeared.

The two of them fought, heading in this direction from the training grounds of the slave soldiers.

They're fighting quite seriously.

I don't feel any killing intent, so they're probably having a practice match while assuming it as a real battle.

Both Nana and Olivia are serious. The scale and fierceness of their battle were somewhat similar to when I fought Olivia as a Red Dragon before.

The two of them exchanged blows in mid-air. Olivia breathed out flames but Nana parried it with a cleave of her sword.

The gigantic ball of flame was shot away, but it then separated into small flames that scattered around.

And some of them flew towards Io and the two girls.

[Oi]

"I know"

I jumped out, breaking through the window glass.

Those flames are dangerous.

They are concentrated enough to see even from a distance, its attacking strength should be powerful.

And multiple flames were headed towards Io and the two girls' direction.

I unsheathed Eleanor and leaped as I increased my speed.

Io blocked the flames that headed towards her.

Although it was done on the spur of the moment, she released Eleanor's dark

lightning and it clashed with the flames.

Both were just equally strong, so the lightning and flames dissipated.

But another of those flames that lo barely guarded herself against flew heading towards Agnes.

Agnes's body looked like it turned stiff. It's obvious that she couldn't react that well.

"I'm going to throw you!"

[Umu]

After that short exchange, I threw Eleanor.

Eleanor flew while tearing through the air and broke through those flames.

The flames scattered when she broke through them—but, its speed decreased.

Since it became slower, I was able to make it in time.

I protected Agnes embracing her within my arms, and released my cloak aura—but no, something like an aura barrier to protect Agnes and Julie.

All of the scattered flames were blocked by the aura barrier.

"Nana! Olivia!"

"Aruji!"

"What is it, Human"

"Don't come here, do it in the training grounds"

"Understood"

"Huh~? When did we leave? You're pretty good, human warrior"

Nana and Olivia moved at the same time. They returned to the training grounds with fast speed and continued their fight as soon as they arrived.

It looked like a fight that would make the world tremble, it also looked like the hero challenging the last boss dragon.

Well, leaving that aside.

I asked Io first.

"Are you alright?"

"Yes, I'm okay"

"What about you?"

After Io, I looked at Agnes.

"....."

Agnes looked at me with blank eyes.

She didn't answer, she only looked spaced out.

"Hm? Are you okay? Did you get hurt somewhere?"

".....so"

"So?"

".....so cool"

"Eh?"

"What are you saying," I asked back. But hearing that, Agnes quickly regained herself.

"It's nothing!"

And she strongly pushed me away.

"Are you okay, Agnes. Your face looks red"

"I-I'm fine! Let's go, Ane-san!"

Agnes said and walked ahead with huge strides.

Io and Julia chased after her in a hurry.

"....."

While walking ahead, I saw Agnes steal a glance at me.

Her face was bright red, making her look like a young girl.

Chapter 300 – Watermelon and Salt

In the afternoon, when I was walking along the corridor of my mansion, I saw Io and Helene leave a room together.

"Yo"

I called out as I walked towards them and saw the two turn to me with a smile.

Io showed a refreshing smile under her big witch's hat, and Helene smiled silently yet gracefully.

Both are good women who are rarely seen, so it made me a bit excited although it was still

"Good day to you, Kakeru-sama"

"You came, Helene"

"Yes. I have something to ask Io-san again, so"

"A case that isn't solvable if it isn't an S-Rank Great Magician huh"

"Yes, it absolutely requires Io-san's help"

Helene said with a calm yet clear tone.

And her words made Io feel somewhat awkward.

"Thank goodness that Io-san is also Kakeru-san's partner. If not so, who knows how much would I need to pay to ask a Great Magician such as Io to accept a request"

"Ehhhhhhh?!"

Io was surprised. She seems to be unused to being praised.

"Nevertheless, I also do not know how to reward Io-san. Of course, I have prepared a suitable compensation, but——"

"She told me earlier, but it's clearly too much!"

Io interrupted with a loud voice. I see, she was probably told quite a lot of

reward.

I feel like Io's consciousness has yet to catch up with her own ability.

She's already an S-Class Great Magician, but her consciousness is still that of a B-Rank adventurer.

"By the way, how much did you show her, Helene"

"Uhm.....about this much"

I asked Helene about the amount of the reward she presented.

It was enough to buy a decent house in this town, about roughly one million dollars.

It's not that expensive for a quest given by a member of the royalty, on top of it being something that only an S-Class Magician can solve.

[It's even cheap instead]

Eleanor said with quite a serious tone.

[It is a lass who can use my powers although it is only a fraction, it is too cheap for that]

I also think so. But if I tell Io that, she'll probably say something like "no, no, I still have a long way to go" or something.

Yosh, in this case.....

"It would be troubling if she doesn't accept the quest, but she would not receive the reward. It is not a good thing to create exceptions in giving fair rewards and punishments"

"Use her as much as you want, I'll give her her reward instead"

"Kakeru-sama will?"

"Yeah, with my body"

"Ah.....!"

Io let out a voice as she placed a hand on her mouth.

Although her face became red, her eyes were shining happily.

"You're good with that right?"

"U-Un! I'll do my best!"

"Thank you very much. There is no greater reward than receiving Kakeru-sama's affection. I will not hold back and give Io-san difficult quests"

Helene hid her lips with her trademark fan and smiled mischievously.

I really like her like this, so I pulled her into an embrace and kissed her.

I told that Io's would be the reward for the completion of her quest, so she released an obvious fired-up aura and left together with Helene.



I didn't have anything left to do, so I relaxed in the living room.

And while I was relaxing, Althea appeared and gave me a massage without saying anything.

The massage started from my shoulders, but now switched to my feet, she's gently rubbing my calves.

The Great Sage Althea——just Althea.

Other than cases where she would absolutely be needed, she would want to act just like a simple woman.

She feels happiness the more she serves me as a simple woman, so I let her do what she wants.

Naturally, that's not all.

No matter how good of a dish it is, eating it continuously would make one fed up with it sooner or later.

Althea wants to stay as "just Althea".

To make a "recoil" in between, I purposely talked to her as the "Great Sage".

"I met Helene earlier. Her smile got even more deeper, as well as her expressions"

"....."

"Between Helene and Iris, who do you think is suitable to be the next king?"

"....."

Althea stopped massaging me and looked up to me without saying anything.

Her expression was telling me she's sulking, it's as if I've poured cold water on her when she was enjoying this moment.

When I stared at her unwaveringly, she sighed in resignation, straightened her back and faced towards me.

"It would be Iris"

"Is that so?"

"One of Teresia's Twin Flowers, Helene Teresia Mercouri is too wise"

Althea is completely in her Great Sage mode. She started to speak in an instructor's tone, just like when I would ask for her advice.

"Of course, her popularity within the kingdom is noteworthy. However, she has done too much scheming, that she has become too familiar with the dark side of things"

"Ahh.....that might be true"

I remembered Helene's face earlier.

She smiled pleasantly while hiding her lips, that expression of hers when she is plotting something.

Although I love that expression, it might be unpopular with the mass or the common people.

"On the other hand, Iris Teresia Mercouri possesses a straightforward personality. Even the citizens of the kingdom knows that she does not do things hidden in the eyes of the public, in comparison with her sister. One who has two faces and one who only has one. It would be the latter who would receive more support"

She raised two fingers as Althea explained the two.

I see, Iris would be better huh.

".....there is also a better choice"

"Eh? Who is that?"

"....."

Althea pointed at me without saying anything.

"Me?"

"Yes, more specifically, you are not only suitable to become the king of Mercouri Kingdom, but you are also the most suitable to become the Unifying King of the five great kingdoms—the Emperor"

"That's troublesome. I don't plan on governing at all"

Making love with good women, that's all that I want.

Although currently, I've been given noble titles from all five countries and even called as "Goshaku-sama", I've never thought of becoming an authority.

I only want to search for good women, raise them if needed, then make love with them.

That's everything that I want to do.

"There is no need for you to govern directly, but a country that unifies the five kingdoms would still be made. In this case, not the continent, but the five kingdoms"

".....isn't that"

"The territory would probably be this mansion and its annex, that much is enough"

I thought that it was like a holding company.

I also thought that it was like the united nations made just a lot better.

It may also be something like the federal system in the United States.

A country made to oversee multiple countries.

"That's quite a crazy advice"

"That is the best choice you know. There is no greater candidate than you in this world. You, standing on the apex of this continent is its greatest good"

I didn't reply to Althea.

Although I understand what she's saying, I don't plan on doing that at all.

So I didn't reply. We were like that for a while.

".....is it enough"

"Hm?"

"Can I return now"

"You've been a great help, thank you Althea"

"I am Althea, just Althea"

She said her usual line with a ceremonious tone and returned to massaging my feet.

She looks livelier than usual, it looks like she's enjoying it instead.

I let Althea do what she wants.

And when we were leisurely relaxing like that.

"Ah!"

My eyes met with Agnes who passed by the window.

It's not rare to see Agnes and Julia in my mansion.

They would visit Io who's mostly living in my mansion many times.

She probably came to do so today as well.

But that Agnes glared at me, then she was about to leave, but stopped. She headed towards me.

"You——uu!"

"What's the matter?"

"I-It's nothing!"

Seeing Althea who was docilely serving me, she stopped for an instant then started to tremble with a blushing face.

"W-Where is Ane-san"

"Io went out with Helene. She was requested to do something she could only do"

"Ohh! As expected from Ane-san!"

Agnes, Io's believer who calls her Ane-san, showed great joy.

"It can't be helped, I should go today alone"

"Go? Is it another subjugation quest again or something?"

"So what if it is"

"You want me to help you?"

"I-I don't need you!"

"Is that so?"

"Of course. Uh, w-we have enough swordsmen!"

After pausing to think, Agnes said a somewhat convincing reason.

It was really obvious that she only thought of it just now, so I knew that it wasn't the real reason.

"I'm fine even without the help a man who thinks with their lower half like you!"

After spitting that out, Agnes turned around and left.

She hates me as usual.

I continued to relax while receiving Althea's massage. But suddenly, I turned to where Agnes left without thinking.

"Ah!"

My eyes met with hers because she stopped.

Agnes quickly turned her face and walked away.

Seeing that, I returned my gaze to Althea, but I looked outside again.

"D-Don't look!"

My eyes met with Agnes who had a bright red face.

She stopped walking again.

Agnes shouted angrily again and started to walk away.

I decided to see her off until I can't see her anymore, but.

"Hya!"

Agnes turned around once again but quickly looked away seeing me facing her, and ran with a brilliant form, leaving this time for sure.

Agnes who acted differently than usual and me who got confused by that.

Well whatever. I chased out those thoughts and returned to relax while receiving Althea's massage.

"....."

Is it because of the "recoil" of Agnes interrupting us.

Althea's massage was much more gentle and devoted than earlier.

It felt really good.

Chapter 301 – The Man Who Tamed a Dragon

On this day, I went out to the town with just Hikari.

[I'm here too]

I didn't make a reaction and just wandered around with Hikari.

In the town of Reiusu that became even more lively recently, Hikari would run around when she would find something interesting.

And every time, her partner Chibi Dragon who she's carrying would cry "myu~, myuu~", so both of them look like they're having fun

"A-re~?"

"What's the matter, Hikari"

"That store.....Helene-oneechan's store?"

"Hm?"

What does she mean by Helene's store? I tilted my head and looked at that direction.

I looked at the store. It's one of the best high-class restaurants in Reiusu and I've visited it a few times before.

It's a store that naturally has good food and with their customers required a certain level of manner.

A bronze plate was hanging in front of that store.

"Purveyor to His Majesty, Emperor Mercouri"

"Heh~"

"I wonder if Helene-oneechan is inside"

"No, wait Hikari. This isn't Helene's. Helene's a princess This is probably that king's"

"I see~, that Oji-chan huh"

[You're wrong]

"Huh? What do you mean, Eleanor"

[Read the plate once again. If you still don't get it, read it out loud next]

While tilting my head to Eleanor's words, I read the plate once again as I was told.

"Purveyor to His Majesty, Emperor Mercouri"

".....His Majesty, Emperor?"

[His Majesty the King isn't written. It's His Majesty, Emperor]

"What does this mean?"

[Who knows. As far as I know, an emperor hasn't appeared after "that guy"]

"That guy"Rodotos huh.

The man I met when I went to the world in the past with the "Pair Ticket for a Wonderful Adventure" that I won from the lottery.

The man who was one Eleanor's wielder, and the hero who unified the continent.

I see. That guy from about four hundred years ago was the last emperor huh.

"Thinking of it like that, this is weird"

[Umu, Mercouri is a "Kingdom"]

I stared at the plate.

I would've ignored it if it was just Helene's, no, that King's purveyor, but the words "Emperor Mercouri" sparked my interest.

To confirm what it was all about, I was about to enter the store—it was that time.

"Ah!"

The woman who came out of that store let out a voice as she saw me.

She's wearing a revealing armor and carrying a huge sword, looking like an orthodox female warrior.

"Agnes huh"

"You.....what are you doing here"

Agnes who hates me stared daggers at me.

"As you can see, I'm out for a walk with Hikari"

"Hello, Agnes-oneechan"

Hikari greeted her innocently and respectfully with a bow.

"Y-Yeah. Hello to you too"

"What are "you" doing here? Did you come to eat?"

"No.....I was just asking some questions"

"Questions?"

"About that"

Agnes turned her face and pointed at the plate we were curious about with her thumb.

"I got a request, I'm investigating about that"



In the outskirts of Reiusu, I walked side by side with Agnes.

There was nothing but nature in the outskirts, but Hikari looks like she's enjoying it as usual, going here and there.

"Recently, someone who's calling himself Emperor Mercouri appeared"

"Heh~? A revolt? Is it the Kanou Clan?"

I remembered Nana.

Nana was once treated as the barbarian princess, fighting against Mercouri in the past.

I reflexively thought that maybe that clan appeared again.

However, Agnes shook her head.

"It's not, it's someone who's completely unrelated. That person suddenly appeared and scattered fliers in the town of Reiusu"

".....fliers?"

"It was written that there's a flaw in Mercouri's monarchy, that we should introduce imperialism. It was also written in that fliers that the Mercouri Empire would be established with Reiusu as its imperial capital"

"What the heck is that?"

Not a revolt, but only handing out fliers.

I can understand if there was an uprising, but the establishment of an empire by giving away fliers?

[Kukuku, that sounds so incomprehensible]

Just like what Eleanor said, it's beyond comprehension.

I mean, why the heck do you sound like you're having fun with this?

.....I can understand the feeling though.

"The empire——it will be a cause for rebellion, so you're going to crush it huh"

"Well, that's....."

Agnes made a complicated face.

"As far as I've searched, I didn't find any signs of organized movements"

"Heh~?"

"It seems that it was only done by that individual. It's not something that can be left alone, but the kingdom's army can't move out just to take care of an individual. So——"

"The role was passed over to adventurers huh"

Agnes nodded.

"And when I asked around, I got the information that that person is living alone in the outskirts"

"I see"

Agnes is heading towards there and I followed her.

At first, I only followed her on a whim, but after hearing that, I started to get interested.

I followed Agnes, walking side by side with her.

Our conversation ended and silence came.

Agnes walked beside me and she would steal glances.

This silence feels a bit awkward, I should——

"Otou-san"

"Un, what is it Hikari?"

"Uwa!his tone suddenly changed. It's sounds soft"

Someone was whispering things on my side, but more importantly, Hikari called out to me, so I didn't hear her at all.

"Uhm, you know? O-chan said she wants to talk to Otou-san about something"

"Is that so?"

"Un, wait a second, okay? ——Mumumumu～～.....yaaa～!"

Hikari cutely clenched her tiny fists then made a banzai pose.

Soon after, Chibi Dragon transformed.

From a cute stuffed toy, to a heroic dragonkin.

"Ne～, ne～ Human"

"What is it, Olivia"

"His voice changed again.....this time it's strong-willed"

"Here, take this"

"This is?"

"Dragon's Fang——my teeth. I grew a bit thanks to Hikari, so I grew a new pair"

"Hou"

"Did she say Dragon's Fang?!"

Agnes beside me shouted.

Although I didn't hear what she was muttering, I heard her clearly this time.

"Do you know about it, Agnes"

"Of course I do! It has the highest grade of magic materials. If a weapon were made with that—for example, a sword, it would become a sword that would never break"

"That's quite amazing"

"Sounds like it. I'll give Human this"

"Alright, thank you"

I received it from her, and while I'm at it, I pulled Olivia to an embrace and kissed her.

Receiving a deep kiss, Olivia seemed happy with a blushing face, and returned to being Chibi Dragon.

Hikari and Chibi Dragon, the cute pair once again continued to play around here and there.

I kept the Dragon's Fang inside my cheat item, the Different Dimension Warehouse.

But when I was doing that, I saw Agnes who looked like she dropped her jaw.

"What's the matter?"

"Dragon's Fang.....she said she grew a new pair.....who in the world was she.....?"

"I didn't mention it to you? That's Olivia, the Dragon King—aah, she was also called the Red Dragon Olivia"

"Ehhhhhh?! That Red Dragon?!"

"Yeah. She became like that after I defeated her. And, well, she grew up again, probably"

Olivia grew enough to have a new pair of fangs—teeth.

She might be able to return to her dragonkin form someday, even without Hikari's help.

"You mean, you've tamed a dragon?"

"Well, you're correct"

"I didn't know....."

Agnes looked stunned. Her eyes widened, and her jaws dropped.

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Hikari and Chibi Dragon would look and run around busily.

Agnes suddenly became meek and silent, but in the next moment, she suddenly stared daggers at me.

I walked with these three for a while, and.

"A-re～?"

"What's the matter, Hikari"

"Over there, the grassland is moving～?"

"The grassland is moving?"

I looked at the direction Hikari pointed to.

The ground that is completely covered with green look like it's slowly wriggling.

It really looks like the "grassland is moving".

"Ahh, it's the Rotten Slime"

"Rotten Slime?"

"It's a monster that suddenly increased in numbers recently"

"Heh～"

"Otou-san!"

When I was looking at it while thinking "is that so", I heard Hikari shout.

I looked at Hikari to see what happened, but Hikari is just looking around while hugging Chibi Dragon.

"What's the matter?"

"We're surrounded"

"What?"

I furrowed my brows and looked around.

I didn't know when it happened, but we were surrounded on all sides by wriggling green.

"It's true, when did they appear"

"What should we do?"

"Let's clean them up"

It's annoying to run away and it would be troublesome as well if they follow us.

The wriggling Rotten Slimes gradually moved closer—the encirclement that surrounded us shrunk in size.

Looks like they're really up for a fight, so it's better to just take care of them.

"Hikari will turn to a Demon Sword okay~"

"Myuu~!"

Hikari turned to her Demon Sword form just as she declared and the Chibi Dragon Olivia turned into small light particles and was sucked into the Demon Sword.

"She's really a Demon Sword....."

"Is this the first time you see it?"

I asked Agnes who was almost at a loss for words witnessing Hikari's transformation.

"Yeah.....a girl that cute is....."

"Well then, there's quite a lot of them"

[Let's do our best~, Otou-san]

"Yeah"

[Show them that Hikari is not only cute]

Eleanor gave a request.

She's usually a doting parent, but when "being a Demon Sword" gets involved, she would become very strict.

I swung Eleanor and Hikari, the two Demon Swords, and charged towards the Rotten Slimes.

Although they're called slimes, they are different from the usual teardrop shape.

They are triangularly shaped, looking like small mountains made of sand, and parts of them would fall off like its melting with each drop look like its drawing a string.

They have eyes and mouth but these also doesn't look anything pleasant, they only really have a fierce monstrous look.

Although they're slimes, they're rotten monsters just like a zombie.

I swung Eleanor, slashing at them head-on.

"Mu!"

I felt a strong resistance.

It didn't feel like they're hard or something. The instant I was cutting through it, I felt resistance as if I'm moving my arms underwater, it didn't make a clean and fast cut.

[Kuku, they're surprisingly formidable]

"Not that much.....hmph!"

I breathed out a sharp breath and cleaved horizontally, splitting the slime into two.

[Wah~, Otou-san's amazing~!]

[You got used to it in an instant huh]

"Of course. Let's end this quickly"

[Umu]

[Un!]

I started my musou as the mother and daughter showed eagerness.

It's an opponent that has a liquid-like resistance. Slashing at them at full force from the beginning would make the sudden deceleration feel difficult soon

after the blade sinks in.

Instead, making a small cut then pushing through with only a decent amount of power can chop them easily.

I swung an ordinary slash then explosively increased the strength I'm using.

Using the two-stepped slashes, I easily cut through the slimes.

"They don't regenerate huh"

[It's true~!]

[You look like you haven't had enough. Do you miss those white snakes or something?]

"Dealing with those with this many, well, I think I'll pass the offer"

[But Otou-san can defeat that many, right?]

"Of course"

I easily continued to cut through the slimes, leisure enough to chat with Eleanor and Hikari.

"Ku!"

Suddenly, I heard Agnes's voice.

I turned to the direction where the voice came from and saw Agnes kicking a Rotten Slime away as she took distance. She's pressing her shoulder with a hand.

And another slime jumped towards that Agnes, she couldn't react, finding herself in a tight spot.

[Otou-san!]

"Yeah"

I quickly kicked the ground, charge attacked, slashing at the slime that tried to attack Agnes.

"Are you alright?"

"D-Don't do unnecessary things!"

Agnes said, putting on a bold front. She tightened her grip with her huge sword and attacked the slimes once again.

Although she split the first slime into two, a different slime attacked her from the side, finding herself in another tight spot.

I was watching, so I got in between them and cut off the slime.

"What are——"

"Your movements are too wide"

"Shut up, this is MY way! I've gotten this far with this"

".....what you're doing is probably like this"

I created clones in front of Agnes.

Clones made just by moving quickly, with no actual body.

I made three of them.

Although I need the lending ability and copy plus to create 200 clones, I can create three with my ordinary state.

"W-What are you"

Even while looking surprised by the clones, Agnes still held on to her bold front.

I made one clone charge towards the nearest slime, in the direction that she could see well.

I used Eleanor as if it was Agnes's huge heavy sword, creating a circular movement making use of the centrifugal force.

At the same time, the two remaining clones took action.

One of them chanted support magic. A hand appeared from the ground, grabbing hold of the slime.

The first clone that charged slashed at the immobilized slime——soon after that.

The last clone chanted attack magic.

Lightning fell from the sky, shooting through the slime.

The slime was defeated by the combination of the three clones.

I stopped making those clones and looked at Agnes.

Her eyes widened in surprise and her jaw almost dropped.

"You are usually like that right?"

"Eh, ah....."

"You, Io, and Julia. The combination of you three would move like that. Those are movements for fighting as a party. When you're not in one, you should make your movements smaller, make them quick and sharp"

I charged once again, using power and speed and even motions similar to Agnes, and chopped off a slime using Eleanor.

After making an example, I looked at Agnes again.

"You should do it like that"

"....."

"What's the matter?"

"——! O-Of course I knew that! I did it before"

Agnes's face turned red and looked away.

"I see. It's fine then if you can do it"

"Hmph!"

Agnes scoffed, and after glaring at me, she challenged the slimes again.

Unlike the wide swings earlier, she is now making compact movements just like what I told her.

She slashed at a slime, but is still able to cope with the next slime that jumped at her.

Thinking that she should be alright now, I became focused again. I fixed my hold with the two Demon Sword and charged to annihilate all slimes.

"He made the movements of us three by himself.....is he that amazing?"

Agnes's whisper was swallowed by the noise of the battle, making it unable to

reach my ears.